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SPECIAL U.F.A. BUILDING NUMBER

Commemorating the Completion of the New Headquarters of the United Farmers of Alberta in Calgary—Official Opening August 7th, 1940



New Home of the United Farmers of Alberta, Eleventh Avenue and First Street East, Calgary

In this Special Issue, *The Western Farm Leader* has the pleasure and privilege of commemorating in a number of descriptive articles and features, the opening of a new chapter in the history of the Farm Movement in Alberta.

The United Farmers of Alberta, the primary organization of the farm people of this Province, whose Locals and Central Association have carried on for more than thirty years the struggle to win for Agriculture its rightful place in the economy of the nation, and, during that period, have been the means by which powerful farmer-owned enterprises have been brought into being, has in recent months acquired property for the attractive and commodious new headquarters pictured above. From this headquarters the U.F.A., now a non-political organization, will carry on its steadily increasing activities in behalf of the farm community by whom it is controlled and whom it is designed to serve.

Situated at 125-127 Eleventh Avenue East in Calgary, three blocks from the Post Office, on the south side of the C.P.R. tracks, the two-storey U.F.A. Building, pictured above, occupies a frontage of 50 feet, and has a depth of 120 feet. Of strong brick construction, the building has been remodelled to suit the needs of the organization and of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited. The exterior is finished in white stucco, with dark red window trim, and carries raised

letter signs (well brought out in the photograph). The building is by far the most attractive in the wholesale district, and is in fact one of the most attractive in the city.

The main entrance, on the Avenue, leads to a large retail store, manager's office and staircase to the general offices of the U.F.A. and the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association.

From the large plaza entrance on the east side access is obtained to the ground floor warehouse and the offices of *The Western Farm Leader*. There is a full basement, entered by a ramp at the rear of the building.

In acquiring the property, the officers of the Association responsible had the foresight to purchase adjoining vacant lots, extending over a frontage of 175 feet to the corner of First Street East. These will provide a large area for parking, adding greatly to the value of the property as a real Farm Centre. On the corner will be a filling station owned by the Co-operative. A large neon sign carrying the letters "U.F.A." will eventually surmount the building.

Plans for the Official Opening, to take place on Wednesday next, August 7th, are described elsewhere.

A more complete description of the property is given in an article by Mr. Priestley.

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DEBT ADJUSTMENT LEGISLATION NOW IMPERILLED

Seek Government Guarantees for Harvest Costs

NEW THREAT FACES FARMERS IN MOST CRITICAL PERIOD

Are Farmers of Alberta to Lose Protection of Debt Adjustment Act?

DANGEROUS SITUATION

Mortgage Companies Encouraged to Attack Act by Court Decisions

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

Are the farmers of Alberta to lose the protection of the Debt Adjustment Act? If so, what is to take its place? These questions become of primary importance as Alberta approaches the harvest under the most critical conditions that have faced Western agriculture for many years.

Danger Is Clear

That the Debt Adjustment Act is in danger of losing much of its effectiveness is now apparent. The Appeal Court of this Province has recently held that the Act is *ultra vires* in so far as it conflicts with the Dominion Bills of Exchange Act.

In other words, that Court has held that the Act cannot apply to promissory notes. It is true that the Provincial Government is carrying that case to the Supreme Court of Canada and it may go to the Privy Council, and it is to be hoped the higher Courts will reverse the decision of the Alberta Courts. If they do not, then a very large body of debts will be removed from the control of the Debt Adjustment Board and the intent and purpose of the Act will be very much restricted.

Encouraged Attacks on Act

Then the decision referred to has encouraged mortgage companies to attack the Act, and within the past two or three weeks several statements of claim in foreclosure actions have been issued without a permit from the Debt Adjustment Board.

It is quite possible that one or more of these actions will go to trial, and if the Court should hold that the Board has no authority to interfere with farm mortgages, the Act and the whole scheme of Provincial debt adjustment as presently constituted falls by the wayside. And then what?

Chose Most Unfortunate Time

Certainly the mortgage companies, which have started these proceedings, have chosen an unfortunate time to do so. For the past two weeks the daily press have carried despatches from east and west, indicating that the Dominion and Provincial Governments, municipal and farm organizations, and handling concerns, are deeply concerned with the emergency

French Fight Again



Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of French forces continuing the war, declared in a broadcast to all Frenchmen the French struggle against Germany and Italy "will be resumed shortly on sea and on land." French airmen rejoined the battle in the air above German territory, July 21, he said.

now confronting Western agriculture. One by one the export markets formerly available for Canadian wheat have passed under the control of the enemy until today England alone remains as the sole major market and England is rapidly being forced onto a rationing basis.

Basis of Financing Crop Undermined

At the end of July Canada will undoubtedly have the largest carry-over of wheat in its history; and with present crop prospects public storage is only available for from a quarter to a third of the probable crop. The whole basis of financing the coming crop has been undermined and unless the Dominion Government provides some plan of loans to farmers on the security of grain stored on the farm, it is difficult to see how the farmer is to be financed this fall. No trading is taking place on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange at the pegged price of around 71 cents per bushel—this plainly indicating that there is little hope of a price structure this fall much in excess of the probable initial payment by the Canadian Wheat Board of 70 cents No. 1 Ft. William.

After Over Fifteen Years' Operation

Those are the conditions prevailing at the time chosen by mortgage concerns to attack an Act that has been operating in this Province for over fifteen years. During that period, it is submitted, the operation of the Act has been beneficial. It has served as a check against hasty and even harsh action on the part of the more inconsiderate body of creditors and has been the means of fair and reasonable

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Government Plan to Deal With Problem of Wheat Set Forth

Western Members Protest Inadequacy—International Position of Wheat Reviewed

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, August 1st.—Inadequacy of the amount of the initial price (70 cents) set for wheat delivered during the coming crop year was protested by a number of Western members when the Government's plan was brought down. The Government's view is that its policy ended a period of uncertainty and has ensured a certain degree of stability to the industry. The situation which confronts the industry, with the continent of Europe, excepting only Britain and Eire, eliminated through Nazi occupation as an import market, and with the huge carryover of wheat from last year's harvest, has made a *laissez faire* policy on the part of the Government quite impossible.

The Government Plan

The Government had to take a hand, and as is already well known adopted a policy in which the main features were: first, the continuation of an initial payment of 70 cents (basis Number One Northern delivered Vancouver or Port William); second, a levy or bonus of 15 cents a bushel on wheat manufactured into food for the Canadian people; third, the continuation of the pegged prices on existing levels; fourth, the continuation in operation of the Winnipeg Grain Futures Exchange, and a plan to have farmers store some of the new crop on their own farms for which they will receive compensation. The limitation to 5,000 bushels of the amount on which the initial price would apply has been discarded. Last year no farmer could receive the 70 cents initial payment on more than 5,000 bushels.

The elements of the situation which faced the Government, and which caused them to adopt their policy, were briefly these: There was a carryover of about 290 million bushels, with a new crop in view estimated at from 350 to 400 million bushels. In the United States the combined winter and spring wheat crops foreshadowed, even with the huge domestic consumption, a substantial surplus for export. After the first of the year the harvests of Australia and Argentina would be in the market. (Since the above was written it has been reported from Buenos Aires that the Argentine Government will prohibit export of wheat, as owing to poor crop conditions all wheat will be needed for domestic consumption.)

Britain Practically Only Market

On the continent of Europe with poor harvests in the Danubian and other countries, there would be no export surplus from so-called neutral countries. But Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France which

ACADIA FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE IS PRESSING REQUEST

Credits for Harvest Not Obtainable, State Resolutions Sent to Governments

QUOTA PLAN ASKED

Many Farmers Cannot Build Granaries Owing to Inability to Finance

Strong representations to Alberta Provincial and Dominion Governments urging immediate steps to provide government guarantees, jointly or otherwise, to enable farmers to obtain advances to meet cost of harvesting the crop, were made by Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative Association's Annual convention in Cereal Monday. Letters were sent to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, and Hon. W. W. Cross, representing the Alberta Government.

Owing to probable inability of farmers to dispose of a great part of the crop, credits for harvest expenses have been stopped by wholesalers, it is pointed out. Without government aid, it is stated, it will be virtually impossible for the farmers to harvest the crop.

The Dominion is also asked to establish a system of delivery by quota. Many farmers will be unable to take advantage of the Government's plan to pay for storage of wheat as they cannot now finance erection of granaries.

had all been good markets for Canadian wheat had all come under the Hitler heel, and even neutral Switzerland was closed from sea lanes of trade. The West Indies, some South American countries and the Orient offered a small outlet, but Britain remained the single market of any size. With war battering about the island fortress, there might be some difficulties of transportation, but the continuous supply of wheat to Britain is one of Canada's responsibilities in this war. It is an emergency situation and war time measures had to be adopted.

The processing levy which is new to the Canadian wheat industry, has been in operation under New Deal measures in the United States; but the principle of having domestic consumers help the export business has also been in operation in the coal trade in Britain for some years. It is believed by some that the 15 cents is a little on the low side and that if it works satisfactorily it may be raised next year. According to estimates it affects about 50 million bushels. The levy into the Wheat Board will therefore amount to about \$7,500,000.

After protracted debate the unemployment insurance measure has passed the Commons and has been sent to the Senate.

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UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA ACQUIRE NEW HOME

A Description of the New Farm Centre in Calgary Created to Meet Growing Needs

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY,

Vice-President of the U.F.A. and Chairman of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd.

IT is a far cry from the U.F.A. Annual Convention of 1931 to the present developments of the Co-operative organization initiated by the Annual Convention of that year. "To consolidate the buying and selling powers of the farm people of the Province" was the big order which the Convention in Central United Church, Calgary, passed on to its newly elected officers and board.

After conference with boards of the various co-operative marketing bodies, it was decided that consolidation of the interests of those bodies was too big a job to tackle at that time and that to pool the purchasing power of farm people by building a consumers' co-operative within the farm organization was the next practical step.

Work Grows Steadily

Functioning as a purchasing agency on behalf of U.F.A. Locals and groupings of Locals at that time taking place under the Co-operative Associations Act of Alberta, the work of the Co-operative Committee grew steadily until in recent years the volume of purchases reached around the million dollar mark. The handling of shelf goods was left to the retail trade and contacts maintained with the

co-operative stores throughout the Province where feasible. The emphasis from the beginning was on bulk orders of the principal farm supplies; e.g., binder twine, oil, gasoline, greases, coal, posts, B.C. fruit, etc.

At an early stage it began to be seen that the greatest interest was in petroleum products, and circumstances favored entry into that field. The greatest expansion of the Co-operative has taken place

in that line. Other lines, however, have continued to hold the interest of members and Locals.

Store Facilities Became Essential

Severely testing the loyalty of the large numbers of U.F.A. members who make Calgary their shopping centre from time to time, Central Office has directed them as buyers to the various firms in the city with which arrangements have been made. The time came when it was imperative to expand and provide store facilities for this trade. In the same period a demand has arisen for the physical handling and storage of bulk goods to enable Locals and stores to utilize Central as a wholesale warehouse.

For two years past the Board and Executive of the Co-operative have been investigating sites and buildings and considering plans for a building in which the offices of the Association and of the Co-operative could be housed in conjunction with such developments.

Property Purchased to Meet Need

After considering some fourteen different possibilities purchase was made in April of a large two storey brick building at 125-127 11th Avenue East, just three blocks from the Post Office in the best part of Calgary's Wholesale district. Corner lots adjacent to the building were purchased and plans laid to build a service station on them and convert the property into an attractive farmers' centre with ample parking space.

The new farmers' building was originally the Calgary headquarters of one of the large motor car manufacturing companies. It was built on concrete foundations said to be strong enough to carry five storeys. Only two storeys were erected. Of solid brick construction, with no windows in the sides, it did not present a very attractive appearance when first inspected by the building committee of the Co-operative Board; but an option was placed upon it pending negotiations with the City of Calgary for adjoining lots. The lots between the building and the corner were purchased for a service station site and parking-space, ensuring access to the large warehouse doors at the rear of the building.

Extensive Remodelling

The 11th Avenue front has been remodelled by removing one of the five large windows to enlarge the entrance and provide a hall leading to the retail store, the manager's

office and the staircase to U.F.A. Central Office on the upper floor.

In the front half of the upper floor are the general offices of the U.F.A. and U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association with offices for the President, Vice-President and field men and a board room, etc.

The front half of the lower floor contains the retail co-operative store, with approximately 1,600 square feet of floor space covered by island coun-

Building Committee Head



NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

ters and window space displaying a comprehensive line of farm supplies. In addition to the manager's office and a commodious warehouse on the ground floor there is a rest room for farm women and lavatories close to the side entrance.

The east facade has been transformed with numerous triple windows on both upper and ground floors and a large entrance at the centre, with a sidewalk from 11th Avenue giving access to the ground floor warehouse, the offices of *The Western Farm Leader*, and a suite of offices on the rear of the upper floor, to be finished later to suit tenants' requirements.

The full basement is reached by a broad cement ramp as well as by the staircase. The ramp displaces a large electric elevator which was damaged by fire in 1939. It allows full clearance for truck cabs and makes available cool and dry storage for large quantities of goods.

Large Floor Space

Nearly 18,000 square feet of space is contained in the three floors of the building, which is 120 feet by 50 feet.

Finished in white stucco with dark red window trim and raised letter signs in the same color, the outside of the building is bright and attractive and has aroused favorable comment from many farmer visitors as well as citizens of Calgary.

In the new headquarters of the farm movement, plans have been realized which have been in the minds of the Board and Executive and many U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members for many years. It is the earnest desire of all these that greater service will be given to its members by the organization than ever before.

For the thousands of farmers who travel by car and truck from points all over southern Alberta, the co-operative store will be a new attraction. The abundant storage room will enable U.F.A. Central Co-operative to increase its facilities for the co-operative buying Locals, district co-operatives and stores.

After nearly ten years of careful planning and successful development, the new venture should greatly accelerate the growth of the co-operative movement, especially in the buying of farm supplies all over the Province of Alberta.



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Planning for Tomorrow

By A. W. HALEY, Tudor

WHY do men always look so serious when they deliberate? Thinking, of course, is a terrible strain on all of us. However, the ladies, bless 'em, do seem to be able to tackle it with sparkle and enjoyment.

As they filed from the Council Chamber, the faces of the members of the Co-operative Board showed definite signs of strain.

But the fire in their eyes was undimmed. There was that gleam that is so often to be seen in the eyes of staunch advocates of Co-operation.

Possibly they are seeing visions of a brighter tomorrow.

These men had been in session for nearly a week, wrestling with problems affecting the distribution of farm supplies, and making pertinent decisions regarding expansion.

Problems that have to be dealt with by all big businesses and the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, built up for the United Farmers of Alberta, is certainly a big business. The recently acquired show rooms and offices, with ample warehouse facilities, is the outcome of the Board's far-sighted planning. This is very conveniently located in Calgary's business district.

I wonder how many of us realize the responsibilities, the Board have had to face? And are their efforts fully appreciated? Let us meet these men, who are the leaders of the democratically owned Farmers' Co-operative.

The chairman is Norman F. Priestley. And if anyone knows the problems co-operatives have it is he. Some years ago, I found him making a study of the reasons why there had been so many failures in the Co-operative field. We all know that Alberta is strewn with the wreckage of unsuccessful co-operatives; the jetsam of the waves of human endeavor, as they broke on the rocks of entrenched business interests.

Mr. Priestley was examining the remnants of the wreckage, and wondering just why they were unable to stand the strain of sustained existence, in the face of the heavy seas of competition. He found some of the reasons and also accumulated a wealth of knowledge on the subject. Tolerant, and with a keen insight into affairs of the farm, he has devoted his life to these problems. Courageous in the face of difficulties, he has guided the Co-operative through good years and bad.

George Church has also had a lifetime's experience with farm problems. He was President of Balzac Local U.F.A., when it was the largest Local in the Province; and has been on the Board of the U.F.A. Co-operative since its beginning. He is the President of the successful Calgary Co-operative Milk Co. Progressive in outlook, he is always alert to new possibilities. His penchant for funny stories brightens many gatherings and conventions.

Another member of the Board, is Jack Sutherland, of Hanna. Known throughout the Dominion, his C.B.C.

At Work in the Spacious New General Office



Although the finishing touches had not been given to the building when this issue went to press, the staff of the United Farmers of Alberta have been at work in their new headquarters for some weeks. A view of the general office on the upper floor overlooking Eleventh Avenue is shown above. At left Miss Eileen Birch, Secretary-treasurer of the U.F.A. is seen at her desk; Miss Marjorie Black, Accountant, is in far corner, R. M. McCool, Calgary Sales Manager being almost directly in front. At other desks, left to right, are Miss Jeane Ross and Miss Frances Monner, members of staff. Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Priestley and Mr. Church are standing.

broadcasts on Western farm conditions have endeared him to farm people everywhere. His novelty broadcasts of the Annual U.F.A. Convention, have expanded the fame of the Alberta farm organization across the line, to the whole United States. As a member of the Bracken Committee, he had the opportunity of presenting at Ottawa the case of the organized wheat growers.

Charles A. Fawcett is the senior director of those appointed by the Annual Conference of U.F.A. Co-operatives. He is Manager of the Coronation U.F.A. Co-operative Association. In 1930, he was instrumental in organizing 17 U.F.A. Locals into a Co-operative buying unit. The enthusiasm engendered by the success of the first season, reflected itself at the 1931 U.F.A. Convention. It was that year that saw the beginning of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative.

D. H. Smith, Manager of the Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative, completes the Board. He has the distinction of having organized a large part of the drought areas; and of seeing its volume of business increase each year, until is now ranks first of the District affiliates of the U.F.A. Central in volume of sales.

These men all have a sincere desire to help the farmer help himself. They give their time freely, and with little thought of reward. They are quietly and systematically building something for tomorrow. Something unique; in that they have never called for share capital or subscriptions. All that they have ever asked from their members and other farmers, is that they place their orders for farm supplies through the U.F.A. Co-operative Association. By this simple machinery alone, they have built up a thriving and progressive business after only a few years' operations. Besides having paid out over \$100,000 in dividends to patron members, the Co-operative is gradually acquiring a line of Oil Distributing Stations throughout the Province.

Yes, this Board of Directors have built firmly and well. What is needed now, is this same spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm manifested in the local groups.

These new headquarters portray the spirit of optimism and faith the board

have in Alberta's Co-operative future. This confidence I'm sure will be justified.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN

Of 25 men now serving Canada at the nominal salary of \$1 a year, all have in Alberta's Co-operative future. but six receive expenses or living allowances, according to a return tabled in the House of Commons. Several receive living allowances of \$7.50 to \$20 a day while away from their homes, and others receive only the actual out-of-pocket expenses.

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ACHIEVEMENT

In this issue we commemorate an event of major importance to all Alberta farmers—the completion of the new headquarters of the United Farmers of Alberta in Calgary.

It is an event of major importance because it marks very definitely a milestone in the advance of the farm people towards the more effective organization of their forces. It symbolizes the determination of a growing number of Alberta farmers to concentrate their energies on practical plans for the improvement of the condition of their industry. The recovery which is taking place in the numerical strength of the Association, and the great and truly remarkable expansion of the business of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, are plain indications that the farm movement is on the march towards unity in the economic field—that the mobilization of farmers' buying power through co-operative action is likely to prove, in the coming days and years, an increasingly important factor in the agricultural economy of the Province.

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The decision to acquire and remodel the property which now becomes a real Farm Centre, was the result of two years of careful study. The expansion which made such action desirable, and indeed necessary, is the outcome of the steady application of sound business principles and accumulated experience in the carrying on of co-operative activities, by both members and officers.

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Since the organization came into being more than thirty years ago, the United Farmers of Alberta have carried on, in many fields and in many ways, the struggle to win for Agriculture its rightful place in the economic life of the Province and Dominion. It may well be that its years of greatest service to the cause of the farm people and of economic democracy are still to come.

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Even on so happy an occasion as this, we cannot prevent ourselves from dwelling in thought upon the unparalleled tragedy which confronts our civilization. It is undesirable that we

should be able to keep these thoughts from our minds; for the tragedy itself is due to the failure of the people of the political democracies to take steps, in time, to transform the very unsatisfactory world in which they live into a group of genuine economic democracies. The U.F.A., and the farm movement as a whole in Alberta and Canada, are seeking to lay the foundations for such a democracy.

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Towering over every other duty and responsibility in urgency, is, of course, the task of defeating the plot to destroy the very bases for democratic action and tolerable human existence throughout the world.

For our own part, we believe that not an ounce of energy and no organizing ability which can be effectively employed in the furtherance of the war effort should be spared. Neither Government nor people has yet awakened to an understanding of the gigantic character of the task that awaits us. Even the effort to bring justice in our economic relations at home would not be worth the making, at this time, if it were to interfere with the effective prosecution of the war. It were better to leave the old order of things unchanged, with all its present evils, rather than to run the risk of a Nazi triumph which would reduce the populations of the world to slavery. But the truth is that every contribution we can make towards the attainment of equality of sacrifice at home and towards genuine democracy, will add to our moral and material efficiency in the struggle. In increasing measure this is realized in Britain. It must be realized in Canada too.

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For today, as never in past history, those who are capable of learning have come to see that the attainment of democracy in a world where its very life is threatened—and so long as its life may be threatened—imposes upon us the need for a two-fold struggle: the struggle against the enemy on the field of battle and the struggle for social justice at home. Where equality of sacrifice is made real, there the will to victory will be most compelling.

In Scandinavia one part of the lesson was learned too late, but Co-operators elsewhere now realize that Co-opera-

THE MILITIA

(By Richard J. Needham, in *The Calgary Herald*)

The great advantage of militia training is that it enables a man to prepare himself for anything that may come. By joining the militia, he does not change his life and his position as a civilian. But he makes an effective move toward the defence of his country.

The man who joins the militia gets at least a partial preparation for army life, and makes his transition (should it come) from civilian to army life a fairly simple matter. This transition might come in three ways. Firstly, he might decide to volunteer for active service overseas. In that case, he would stand a good chance of acceptance, and more rapid advancement in the active service unit he then joins. Secondly his militia unit might be called out for active service in the defence of Canada. In that case, he would stick to his unit, but become a full-time, instead of a spare-time, soldier. Thirdly, he might await his call under the principle of universal service recently adopted by the Canadian government. In that case, he would find the going a lot easier, whether he stayed in the same unit or was transferred to another.

tion itself can only survive and grow if it is defended sword in hand.

So long as this is realized (and in the farm movement in Alberta it is realized), every effort to establish equity at home, in our relationships one with another as producers and as consumers, will be a contribution to victory. The increasing awareness of the farm people to the significance of co-operation, of which the expansion of the activities of the United Farmers of Alberta is one manifestation, may prove to be not only a step towards a better way of life for Canada after the war, but also a contribution now to victory.

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POLES IN GERMANY

(From "That Germany", in *The New Statesman and Nation*)

A typical street scene in an agricultural town in Wuertemberg is described in the *Sozialistische Warte* (a monthly publication of the illegal Social-Democratic Party of Germany).

The Gestapo agents have brought a group of Polish workers to the market place for the local farmers to choose laborers, in accordance with the notorious Nazi slave-labor system.

Sometimes it happens that a farmer will choose a worker who is married, and another farmer will choose this man's wife. The Poles make frantic attempts to explain to the farmers their relationship and they plead desperately that their families should not be separated. The farmers are often moved by the inarticulate appeal, and they are willing to choose other laborers, but the Gestapo agents in charge of the group do not allow that. Most pitiful scenes, reminiscent of the worst times of ancient slavery when brothers, husbands, wives and sisters were separated at the will of the slave owner, are enacted.

According to the Nazi law, the Polish slave workers are not allowed to eat at the same table with the German farmers who employ them, nor even to drink a glass of beer at the same bar. One often sees, therefore, outside German public houses groups of dejected Poles standing like dogs in front of the entrances to the public houses, waiting for their masters to come out.

WHEAT PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT BODY

Wheat Pool Recommendations to
Cabinet Committee Deal
With Pressing Problem

QUOTA PROPOSED

Farm Storage Dealt With—Suggest
Domestic Price
of \$1.25

The following statement, issued on July 23rd by P. F. Bredt, president of the Canadian Wheat Pool, gives in detail the action taken by the Pool leaders in connection with the wheat problem.

For the past two months the board and executive officials of the three Wheat Pool organizations have been aware of the grave situation facing Western Canada in the handling and storage of this year's crop.

While in various sections of the West the crop will be less than what was expected, the carryover will be greater than anticipated and will likely be 275 million bushels at the end of the crop year on July 31st.

Officials of the three Pools have for some weeks been in correspondence with members of the Federal Cabinet and have stressed the necessity of special arrangements for the handling of the coming crop.

Pool's Suggestions

Finally, about two weeks ago, the central executive, consisting of one representative each from the three Pools, met members of the Cabinet Wheat Committee at Ottawa and discussed problems relating to the handling and marketing of this year's crop and made the following suggestions under four main headings.

1. The Canadian Wheat Board should take delivery of all wheat and control the marketing of same.

2. In view of the limited amount of available storage space (estimated at about 110 million bushels) and the resulting inability of farmers to deliver and realize on all their wheat, that provision be made for the making of advances on wheat stored on the farm; such advances to be made on say two-thirds of the farmer's total wheat production, and at a rate per bushel on the farm of approximately 55 per cent to 60 per cent of the Wheat Board initial payment, which we assume will again be on the basis of 70c per bushel, One Northern, Fort William.

Quota System

Further that a quota system of deliveries from the farm be put into effect without delay so that the most equitable use can be made by farmers of the existing storage space—the quota of deliveries to be based on the acreage which the farmer has in wheat. This would insure that all farmers would be able to deliver a portion of their production to the Wheat Board and the proposed advances on wheat on the farm would enable them to obtain sufficient money to carry on until such time as storage space becomes available as a result of export shipments.

The question of paying farm storage was also taken up.

3. We pointed out to the Ministers that the advance made on wheat stored on the farm should be assured to the farmer to take care of the expenses of taking off the crop, to provide living expenses for himself and his family, and if possible to pay current taxes. The suggested advances being only a percentage of the regular Wheat Board advance, it was felt that protection would be needed against past indebtedness.

Domestic Price

4. We also proposed that a domestic price be set for wheat consumed in Canada on a basis which

would be in line with prices which the farmer has to pay for the commodities which he has to purchase. This domestic price we suggested to be in the neighborhood of \$1.25 per bushel. Incidentally, this extra money received would provide a certain insurance fund to the Government should the final price for which the wheat is sold be less than the Board initial payment; or on the other hand provide money for a further payment to producers after expenses and operating costs of the Board are taken care of.

The above matters have been urged upon the Government with all the conviction and sincerity at our command, with particular emphasis on the necessity for immediate action. We are not in a position to give any

indication as to what method or procedure will be adopted, but we are satisfied that the Federal Government is fully aware of the need of putting into effect some plan which will to some extent relieve the situation in the event of a complete tie-up of storage facilities this fall, and at the same time provide financing for that portion of the crop which must be stored on the farm. It is obvious that such action would be beneficial to all western business interests as well as the farmers.

Acadia Co-op. Officers

Jake Frey was elected chairman of the Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative Association at the annual meeting of the association held at Cereal on July 29th, other officers being as follows: vice-chairman, J. A. Cameron, Wastina; directors, John Fowle, Bindloss; R. S. Edwards, Hemaruka; D. Warwick, Oyen; W. J. Byler, Oyen; Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook; secretary-manager, D. H. Smith, Cereal. Twenty-six districts were represented.

Adding to the strength of the Canadian navy, two vessels of the corvette class were launched in the East recently, and one at a Pacific coast. Three anti-submarine vessels also were launched in the East.

There Must Be PLANNING To Save Western Agriculture

THE old "go-as-you-please" and "devil-take-the-hindmost" era is gone. Chaos and confusion attended its operation. War has accentuated the Canadian wheat problem. It has brought unplanned Canadian wheat agriculture to a certain tie-up. Speedy, decisive action is imperative.

But even if war had not broken out, there would still be an acute wheat problem. The conflict has only made a muddled situation much worse.

WHEAT POOL PROPOSALS

CANADIAN elevator storage capacity is now being utilized to approximately 60 per cent. This means that the new crop cannot possibly be accommodated therein. The only feasible alternative is storage on farms.

To overcome the dilemma farmers are going to be in, the Alberta Wheat Pool makes the following considered recommendations:

- 1 The extension of the powers of the Canadian Wheat Board to permit it to accept all deliveries without limitations.
- 2 An initial Wheat Board price based on the cost of the things farmers must buy (a year ago the Alberta Wheat Pool calculated this to be \$1.15 for One Northern at the terminal).
- 3 Payment for storage of wheat in farm granaries. This is necessary to aid farmers in financing farm storage.
- 4 Provision for advances to farmers by banks on the security of wheat stored in farm granaries.
- 5 Establishment of a quota system of deliveries so that every wheat producer may obtain a proportionate share of the available elevator space.
- 6 Establishment of a system of insurance for grains stored in farm granaries.
- 7 Development of a plan by the federal government to increase the use of western-grown oats and barley, principally through stock feeding in Eastern Canada and in British Columbia.

Alberta Pool Elevators



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



Members and Their Plant Get Acquainted



Above is a group of members and shippers from the Veteran district snapped during a visit to the plants of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool at Red Deer and Alix on July 4th.

They came full of interest in their own co-operative enterprise, and enquired into all phases of their own business. That they were highly gratified, and are now more thoroughly determined than ever to win more members and shippers and carry their Pool to new successes, is made plain by the following letter from a well-known member to Ellis A. Johnstone, the General Manager:

"Concern That Concerns Us All"
Veteran, Alta.,
July 10, 1940.

Mr. Johnstone,
Red Deer, Alta.
Dear Mr. Johnstone:

As one of the Delegation of cream producers who visited the plants at

Red Deer and Alix on July 4th I feel that we could at least return our thanks for the gallant way we were received and entertained during the day. With the co-operative spirit being foremost from the start to the finish, we landed back home tired but still jubilant of the day's happenings.



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I Spent a Day With the Dairy Pool—By an Onlooker

Where are you going, my pretty Maid?

I'm going a-milking, kind sir, she said.

*But it wasn't the truth that the fair maiden said,
She sneaked to the Dairy Pool Picnic instead.*

A short time ago I had the opportunity of seeing Co-operative effort on the commercial side in action when I visited the new home of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association in Calgary, so that when W. Norman Smith, editor of *The Western Farm Leader*, mentioned that the Central Alberta Dairy Pool was to hold a picnic at the Dominion Experimental Station at Lacombe, I thought it would be a rare chance to see how co-operators enjoyed the social side of life.

There was real co-operation about this picnic. First, the Weatherman provided a lovely day, the Government an ideal spot, the officials, Pool and Government alike, did everything possible to make the affair a success, and last but not least, "a good time was had by all."

Accuracy and Efficiency

Personally I was struck with the volume of business that these two plants do. Living back so far one could not even imagine there was as much milk and cream within reach as comes to these plants and the accuracy and efficiency in which it is handled from start to finished product. I feel that the Condensery at Red Deer is a very important asset to our members not only as a manufacturer of an important product, but it is producing an efficiency and at a profit which is very important to the members who furnish the milk and cream to these plants, who in turn spend it to keep body and soul together. In speaking of co-operation I think that these two plants are an example for the whole world to copy from.

Real Co-operative Spirit

Co-operation built these plants, starting with the farmer. Then there are the plants co-operating with the farmer! With careful management and efficiency they have built one of the most creditable establishments that can be found anywhere in the Dominion of Canada, and another thing I noticed—you have a complete co-operative spirit among yourselves at both Red Deer and Alix.

I was very glad to be able to watch the cream being graded and tested, for that is what is so important to us, and now no one can tell me, after seeing it myself, that the method is reproachable—as each can is sent for test by a number leaving no possible way for partiality and no using same test for several past cans. Each parcel has a separate report and from what I could see, a very accurate one.

Thanking you again for the pleasant trip and the trouble you went to to make it pleasant as well as enlightening for us; and I only hope that more cream and milk producers get the chance that I did, in being able to visit the concern that concerns all of us.

I am

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) Mrs. H. H. WILSON,
A Member.

Fifty-fifty Proposition

Actually the gathering wasn't entirely social. It was a sort of fifty-fifty proposition, with the time being divided between fun, frivolity and education. There was, of course, the time-honored picnic lunch under the trees as well as coffee and cakes in the evening. There were races for the children, speeches for the grown-ups and an educational tour of the station. There was much to be seen, much to be enjoyed and much to be learned. Something like 600 persons who were present voted it an outstanding event in the history of the Pool, and six hundred co-operators can't be wrong.

Upon arrival visitors were given their identification cards by H. F. Price and his courteous assistants so that in a short time everybody knew everybody else and from whence he and she came. And they came from north, east, south and west, distance being no obstacle to enthusiastic members of the pool.

Following registration, lunch was partaken and then the whole company adjourned to the pavilion for the more serious part of the proceedings. Here, Ellis Johnstone, General Manager, introduced the directors and delegates present, while F. H. Reed, Superintendent of the Station, extended a cordial welcome to all those present. The guest speaker was J. R. Sweeney, Deputy Minister of Education at Edmonton.

Among those at the speaker's table were President George K. MacShane, Ellis Johnstone, Directors J. H. Crawford, Fenn; J. A. Wood, Elnora; Martin S. Oppel, Alhambra, and Mark Armstrong, Lacombe.

When Pool Burned Mortgage

In introducing Mr. Sweeney President MacShane said it would be putting it very mildly to say that there was no other person better qualified to address such a gathering of producers, as he had worked continuously for the Western farmers. Mr. MacShane sketched the growth of the organization and recalled that the last gathering of this kind was for the purpose of burning the mortgage on the parent plant at Alix. When the Condensery at Red Deer was created they had attempted to walk before they had really learned how to toddle. But, thanks to the true co-operative spirit by which they were saturated, they had now grown up and were a virile organization, having three healthy plants, two of them at Red Deer and Alix, owned and operated entirely by the Pool and the third at Bowden leased, but operated and controlled by their members.

He felt sure that this picnic would help to cement the membership into one large family—a family of farmers who knew that their duty at this time was to give all their efforts for the benefit of the country and the Commonwealth for the duration of the war.

In his address of welcome Mr. (Continued on page 13)

New Home of United Farmers Is Challenge to Dictatorships--- Spirit of Democracy Rekindled

Spirit of Brotherhood Pervades Building When "Leader" Representative Visits It for Descriptive Purposes—First Real Farm Centre is Created in Calgary—Monument to Co-operation

By SYDNEY MAY

OVER in Europe the Fascist gangs of Mussolini and the Nazi hordes of Hitler are busy destroying the co-operative efforts of centuries. But, thank God, the exponents of the doctrines of hatred and of force cannot eliminate the real spirit of brotherhood from the world.

I was made fully aware of this fact the other day, by a visit to the new home of the United Farmers of Alberta. There, instead of finding destruction holding sway, I discovered that a new building had arisen, almost phoenix-like, from the ashes of the old. Perhaps that is carrying the metaphor a little too far, but at any rate it is near enough to the facts to make no difference.

For Years Hardly Noticed

For years I have passed the corner of First Street East and Eleventh Avenue in Calgary without paying any particular attention to the surroundings. True, I had observed that on one side there was the large, though somewhat drab Customs Building, and that on the other side there was a vacant lot and a rather shabby looking edifice that seemed to have been, as the Victorian novelists had it, "better days".

Then, one day I noticed that workmen were busily engaged in altering the appearance of the victim of depression and circumstance.

I was told that where once the products of the automobile industry were stored and sold, was to be the future home of the U.F.A. As I recalled its appearance, after fire had done its work, charring woodwork and destroying part of the roof, I laughed when I was informed that I should soon see, standing in its place, a regular palace, flaunting its dazzling whiteness for all and sundry to admire.

I laughed too soon!

That is just what has happened!

Entirely through co-operative effort there has been created in Calgary something that has never before existed—a genuine Farm Centre in the heart of a great city, housed in magnificent surroundings. In short, there has arisen at the corner of Eleventh Avenue and First Street East, a building of which the members of the U.F.A. Central Co-op. have every right to be proud and one which will call forth the admiration of citizens and visitors alike.

An Intangible Something

A mere description of the building itself would make somewhat dry reading, and I find myself unable to set down such a plain statement. Quite frankly, I visited the place for just that purpose, but no sooner had I set my feet inside than I found myself in the presence of an intangible something—the "Spirit of Co-operation"—and it seemed to say: "Don't look on this as just another commercial building. See it for what it really is, a monument to the 'Brotherhood of Man'." And, I must confess, that that is just how I did view it.

Nevertheless, for the benefit of those who have not yet had the privilege of seeing this magnificent achievement, I must endeavor to give some idea of what actually has been done.

Startling Contrast

In the first place, then, there now stands, almost on the corner mentioned, a splendid building, the pure whiteness of which is in such contrast

came to town to transact business. Incidentally, a co-operative filling station is also to be provided so that oil and gas requirements of visitors from the country will be catered to.

There are so many features to this new Co-operative Home that it is difficult to mention them all in the limited space available. The President and Vice-President have been provided with their own comfortable and utilitarian offices, while the general offices are large, pleasant, light and airy, which will make work in them a pleasure as well as a duty.

"Western Farm Leader" Offices

There is a Board room, of course, as well as rest rooms. There is a fire-proof vault and an office for the Retail manager. On the ground floor, and overlooking the parking space, so that the editor can keep his weather eye open for interesting visitors, the offices of *The Western Farm Leader* have been located. This is as it should be, seeing that this particular journal is probably the strongest advocate of Co-operation in the world of Canadian journalism.

Mention must be made of the Women's Rest Room, for which the

Members of U.F.A. Committees



George E. Church of Balzac (left) and J. K. Sutherland of Hanna, Executive members of the U.F.A. Vice-President Priestley and Mr. Church formed the special committee to deal with matters connected with U.F.A. building operations. Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Church and Mr. Priestley make up the Co-operative Committee.

to the sombre colorings of nearby structures as to be positively startling. It stands out like a beacon light marking the site of everything that is symbolic of the best in humanity—"co-operation and brotherhood".

Sunlight now streams through large rooms that were once windowless. Dingy walls now reflect a clean, cool creaminess both restful to the eyes and comforting to the spirit.

Outside, the window frames have been done in a maroon shade that is artistic without being gaudy, while the inside woodwork has been given a natural finish that blends harmoniously with the tone of the walls. There is a brightness about the whole interior that is refreshing and uplifting and that somehow seems to conjure up rosy visions for the future of the Co-operative movement in Alberta.

Commodious Quarters

On the ground floor there is a commodious retail store, as well as a showroom and warehouse where many lines of farm supplies sold co-operatively will be on display. There is also a full basement, with a cement ramp leading into it from the rear, which will prove of the greatest convenience and service to those who have occasion to make use of the building. Moreover, there has been plenty of parking space provided, so that farmers will no longer be subjected to the annoyance of double parking and the many other inconveniences which Calgary's narrow downtown streets used to cause them when they

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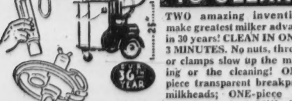
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forgot that Miss Eileen Birch, the popular secretary of the U.F.A., is looking forward with the greatest pleasure to welcoming the women members to their new home.

Having said so much, I am now going back to what perhaps I should (Continued on page 18)

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WAR DIARY

July 18th.—R.A.F. attacks barge concentrations in Holland and Belgium, oil storage plants in Ruhr. Nazi air attacks on Britain kill several civilians, miss military targets. Eire announces loss 1,350-ton freighter. Three civilians first casualties of war in Gibraltar, killed in air raid.

July 19th.—Hitler in speech to Reichstag offers Britain surrender or annihilation. Eight enemy planes shot down during attack on southeast England. R.A.F. continues bombing of barges, warehouses, arms plants in Nazi held territory. Australian cruiser sinks Italian cruiser *Barotomeo Celoni*, British ships rescue 545 of crew. Two British freighters sunk, believed by German raider, in Atlantic.

July 20th.—Twenty-one Nazi bombers and fighters destroyed, many others damaged, five British planes missing, after two air battles over Britain. Since June 18th, total of 336 civilians killed, 476 seriously injured, by Nazi air raids on Britain. Seyss-Inquart, Nazi commissioner, puts Netherlands radical organizations under "new control". Strikes and lock-outs forbidden, arbitration tribunal set up by Government, says London despatch.

July 21st.—14,000-ton enemy supply ship bombed off Danish coast. Four Nazi aircraft, two British, destroyed in air battles during which six British fighters drove off fleet of 80 German bombers and fighters.

July 22nd.—Great Britain will not stop fighting "until freedom for ourselves and others is secured," declares Halifax, answering Hitler's Reichstag speech. British mines laid, forcing ships to enter Irish Sea and Bristol Channel from north. French airmen assist in R.A.F. attacks on military objectives in Holland, Germany. Panama vessel sunk by German bombers last week, three survivors reach British port. British submarine *Salmon*, and trawler, reported lost. Nazi courts to try Netherlands who "act against Germans". British damage Italian Libyan port of Tobruk, shipping, airdrome.

July 23rd.—New British budget imposes sales tax of up to 33-1/3 per cent, wholesale value, on luxuries; increases income tax surtax and estate duties; current expenditure £57,000,000 weekly. British bomb Nazi aircraft plant, other military objectives. Czechoslovak national committee, headed by Benes, formed in London, recognized

by Britain as Government of Czechoslovakia. French, Belgian, Czech, Netherlands, Norwegian and Polish soldiers, now in England, being re-equipped to carry on fight against Nazis. Rumania will be asked to concede territory to Hungary, say Germans in Bucharest. Hungarians unseat Nazis in Parliament. New French Government announces will build up merchant marine, though British to seize any such vessels. Churchill says recent sentences on "chatterbugs" to be reviewed, no intention to "make crimes of silly talks". *Brazen* is 26th British destroyer lost in war, but experts say 24 more now in service than a year ago. British troops massing in Northern Ireland.

July 24th.—Nazi escort vessel hit by British torpedo in North Sea. British shoot down 12 Nazi aircraft in battles over England, sixty planes engaged in one; R.A.F. bombs oil depots and aircraft plants. Canadians and Australians landed at Gibraltar, according to Spanish report. Eighty Italian air raids on Malta have done little damage to military targets. Explosions follow R.A.F. bombing of Tobruk harbor, airdromes in Italian Libya. Total of 133 Nazi planes, 91 British, lost in German air raids on Britain since June 17th.

July 25th.—French vessel *Meknes*, with lights on and plainly marked, carrying 1,300 French soldiers back to France, sunk by German torpedo. British warships pick up 1,000 survivors. Eighty Nazi planes make unsuccessful attack on convoy off English southeast Coast, British bring down six enemy planes in day's battles. 2,823 missing in sinking of *Lancastria*, during evacuation of British troops and refugees from France last month, say official sources. R.A.F. carry out attacks on military targets in Nazi-held territory. Petroleum, scrap iron, added to list of materials subject to embargo in U.S. Three long-distance pilots to ferry planes across Atlantic, to Britain. R.A.F. partly destroys Italian dump in Libya. Shortage of food in unoccupied France reported, population swollen by refugees.

July 26th.—British shoot down 28 Nazi air raiders, bringing total since June 19th to 212. R.A.F. set fire to Nazi oil depots in six places. First Nazi air raid on convoy in Northern Irish waters. Five small merchantmen in British convoy sunk by German plane and torpedo attack, in English Channel, five others damaged. Britain registers over 300,000 men this week, making total of 4,000,000. French warships being manned in British ports, some by French forces under appointees of General de Gaulle. Britain to blockade all Europe, neutrals to get only enough imports for their own needs. French secretary of League of Nations resigns. Rumanian premier and foreign minister summoned by Hitler. Rumanian government discharges Jewish officials. Roosevelt says U.S. might assist in evacuating British children, might ask for assurances of safety for them from Nazis. R.A.F. continue attacks on Italian bases in North Africa.

July 27th.—One British plane was missing after R.A.F. raids on Nazi oil depots; enemy supply ship sunk off Norwegian coast. Two Nazi planes downed during air attacks on Britain. Netherlands farmers ordered to kill 12,000,000 hens because of feed shortage. Bulgarian premier and foreign minister visit Hitler. Announced Britain has so far received 2,800 planes from the U.S. German raider is operating in West Indies disguised as Swedish vessel, say survivors of British *Davisan*. Broadcast from Nazi-controlled Netherlands station asks for peace. British hold three Rumanian ships at Port Said. Two British trawlers sunk during week, Admiralty announces, 22 lives lost. King Haakon urges Norwegian sailors to carry on fight against Nazis. R.A.F. continue attacks on Italian naval stores, airdromes, in Africa.

July 28th.—Five German, two British, planes lost during day of many air battles over British Isles. R.A.F. bombs airports, oil depots and docks in Germany and Holland. Two German planes marked with Red Cross seen reconnoitring for several days, shot down by British. Other such ships have been aiding Nazi operations. Germans stop passenger traffic between occupied and unoccupied France. Goering has agreed to attack Britain middle of August, says report from Turkey. Four Italian planes brought down over Malta.

July 29th.—Three British planes missing after air attacks on 17 Nazi airdromes, oil depots and docks. Twenty Nazi planes brought down during raids on Britain. R.A.F. in Africa shoot down three Italian planes, destroy three others on ground; bomb concentrations enemy troops. Loss of British destroyer *Wren* announced. Several hundred French sailors rescued from *Meknes* decide to join free French navy. Nazis refuse to release French prisoners of war. Germany orders Rumania to settle "differences" with Hungary and Bulgaria before September 15th, says Bucharest report.

July 30th.—R.A.F. carries on daylight raids against variety of Nazi targets. Two German planes brought down in wide-spread air attacks on Britain. Nazi troops are concentrating along Channel ports, states New York newspaper correspondent. Swiss believed threatened by German invasion. Swiss-German frontier closed. Admiralty announce losses for week ending July 21st of 11 British ships, 1 Allied, and six neutral; total tonnage slightly below weekly average during war. Rumanian government increases taxes on oil companies, many foreign-owned, by 50 per cent. London newspaper says 600,000 Nazis massed along Spanish border. Eden sets up "brain trust", to increase war office efficiency. Vichy Government protest against holding by British of two French oil tankers at Alexandria. Two Italian vessels scuttled off North Africa, to avoid capture. British warned by Home Secretary to keep under cover during air raids, liquid gas may be new weapon of Nazis. Rumanian foreign minister says territory may be given up; benefits from Italian and German trade would compensate.

July 31st.—Reports from Switzerland of Italian and German troop and plane concentrations along coastal France, and from Vichy of halting, by Nazi orders, of telephone, telegraph and mail communications between occupied and unoccupied France, lead to belief invasion of Britain may be imminent. Rome newspaper says no immediate invasion likely, rather campaign to "wear down" British. Nazi planes attack convoy off southeast coast, driven off; heavy bombing attacks on Wales, no announcement casualties; 3 enemy craft brought down. Nazi raider attacked in South Atlantic by British merchant cruiser, damaged, escapes. R.A.F. raid Italian bases in North Africa, damage 11 planes, believed carrying on daylight air attacks on Germany today. Roosevelt places complete embargo on export aviation oil; Japan has been chief buyer. Nazis control press of Belgium, Denmark, Norway, and also of Sweden; new papers in Paris have Nazi tone. London report says British may have new defence against "E-boats", small Nazi torpedo boats. Total of 240 Nazi planes brought down so far in July, Air Ministry announces.

The death penalty has been provided for treachery in Canada.

Col. Mary Booth, of the Salvation Army, is in a German concentration camp, says a London report.

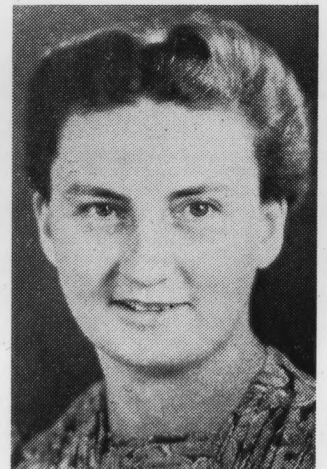
Britain will provide capital for new factories, in the U.S., and buy their output of aircraft, said U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, who foretold production of 3,000 planes monthly for Britain during 1941.

Will Preside at Official Opening of U.F.A. Building



ROBERT GARDINER, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, who will preside at the Official Opening of the U.F.A. Building next Wednesday. Proceedings will begin with a reception at 2 p.m., followed by a tour of the building and the opening ceremony, at which Mayor Davison will extend congratulations and a number of leaders in the farm movement will speak. Mr. Priestley will give a brief outline of developments which culminated in the establishment of the new headquarters and describe plans for the future. Former directors of the Board of the U.F.A. Co-operative Association will be among the guests. Tea will be served after the Official Opening.

Efficient Secretary



Miss Eileen Birch, secretary-treasurer of the U.F.A., and of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, whose capable and energetic management of the work of the general office is a real factor in the progress of the Association.

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COMPLIMENTING the United Farmers of Alberta on the completion of their fine new headquarters, to be officially opened next week, and wishing success to the Association in its work for the farm people who constitute its membership, messages from many leaders in the farm movement are published below. They were received in response to an invitation to contribute to this Special U.F.A. Building Number, sent by the editor of The Western Farm Leader.

The Mayor of Calgary sends his felicitations in the first of the letters printed below:

"Destiny Bound Up With Yours"

City Hall, Calgary.
I gladly take advantage of the opportunity offered me by The Western Farm Leader, to extend my congratulations to the United Farmers of Alberta upon the completion of the most attractive building which is to be their new headquarters. I do so in behalf of the citizens of Calgary and in my own behalf. Every successful effort made by the farm people of the Province to improve the position of their own industry is of direct and deep concern to the people of the cities and towns, for we realize how closely our own destiny is bound up with yours. We admire you for the fortitude which you have always shown in the face of adversity. May I express my sincere wishes that the enterprise you have launched may prosper. —ANDREW DAVISON, Mayor.

Moving to Better Order

Toronto, Ont.
Will you please convey through your Special Issue of the Western Farm Leader the following message to the United Farmers of Alberta:

Having been privileged to visit your offices while in Calgary recently, I wish to congratulate the United Farmers of Alberta on acquiring such a fine and well located property, and on fitting it up so attractively and suitably from the standpoint of practical operations. It will be a source of pride to every U.F.A. member in the Province to feel that he or she is part owner of this building, and an active participant in the rapidly developing business which it is designed to accommodate. I wish you every success in your new headquarters along the two chief lines of activity in your movement—Firstly, that of pooling and harnessing the brain power of your men, women and young people, and Secondly, that of organizing and consolidating their purchasing power behind co-operative enterprises which are moving inevitably in the direction of a new and better order of society.—H. H. HANNAM, Secretary, United Farmers of Ontario and President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Should Strengthen Whole Movement

Calgary, Alta.
The completion of the office and warehouse building in Calgary, which is to be the future home of the United Farmers of Alberta and its associated organizations marks an important step in the life of that organization.

United Grain Growers, Limited, which has been so closely identified with the work of the United Farmers of Alberta for a very long period, desires, through the Special Number of The Western Farm Leader, to congratulate its Board of Directors in the constructive step which has been taken to more adequately provide for the carrying on of its work in both the educational and co-operative field.

The decision to provide for its use the well designed premises on Eleventh Avenue reflects the energy and enthusiasm of the officers of the organization and should serve to stimulate much greater interest in its work on the part of the agricultural people of the Province. It is to be hoped that the provision of excellent headquarters in Calgary will greatly add to the strength of the whole movement in this Province.—R. S. LAW, President and General Manager, United Grain Growers, Limited.

Enlarges Usefulness to Farm People

Calgary, Alta.
The editor of The Western Farm Leader has kindly afforded me this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the United Farmers of Alberta on having established a new home for the organization and its co-operative activities.

The United Farmers of Alberta has a long record of achievements on behalf of the farmers of the Province. I sincerely believe that the acquisition of this new property for the purpose of wholesale storage and retail distribution of farm supplies will greatly enlarge the usefulness of the U.F.A. to the farming community.

There is now in this Province an exceptional opportunity in the co-operative distributive field. Certainly something will have to be done to bring down farming costs, and the co-operative movement is the natural one to take such action.

I extend my best wishes to the U.F.A. for success in this new venture.—LEW HUTCHINSON, Chairman, Board of Directors, Alberta Wheat Pool.

Sound Business Move

Bowden, Alta.
From the Board of Directors and the Management and Members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool we would like, through The Leader, to send this message of congratulations to all U.F.A. members and to their Central Board on the acquisition by them of such a fine spacious building as the one they are now occupying on 11th Avenue and 1st Street East, Calgary.

To those who are responsible for this important new development we say: "We as members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, look on this enlargement and branching out not only as a good sound business move, for by your owning of your own facilities for storage and distribution, you will undoubtedly strengthen the link you forged so many years ago in the chain to a new Society. We must each strive in our own field to strengthen our own link and build a chain so strong that we may better serve our membership and society at large."

"We as farmers are proud of the worthy contribution you are making toward a solution of some of our problems. We wish you further successes along this road and trust you may continue growing both in size and usefulness."—GEORGE K. MACSHANE, President, Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

Will Bring Greater Development

Three Hills, Alta.
The Southern Alberta Dairy Pool wishes to take advantage of the opportunity provided by The Western Farm Leader to congratulate the U.F.A. on acquiring such commodious and convenient premises. These will make possible greater development of the Co-operative effort which has been so well sustained in the past under very difficult and trying conditions.

The U.F.A. has been a factor in the life and well being of the farmers of Alberta, housed in their new abode, the vital effect of this Farmers' organization will be more far reaching than ever. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes for still greater and more effective success in the future.—WILLIAM BURNS, President, Southern Alberta Dairy Pool.

Achievement of Noble Ideals

Neutral Hills, Alta.
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your valued paper, of congratulating the United Farmers of Alberta on this history-making and auspicious occasion—the official opening on 11th Avenue and 1st Street East, in Calgary, of their well situated spacious new home for the headquarters of Alberta's United Farm People.

It is reassuring to feel that here the people of the West will meet and be always greeted by the Welcoming Hand of Friendship, which will ultimately join all farmers' organizations into one progressive Co-operative group. Truly worthy of the noble ideals of our great leaders who have spent their lives freely striving to achieve this splendid vision!

May I also congratulate the editor and staff of The Western Farm Leader for the splendid service they have

conscientiously rendered at all times to make this Co-operative Movement the outstanding success that it is.—Sincerely yours, C. D. LANE, President, Central Alberta Livestock Association.

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A talk on co-operative marketing of dairy products, by Mr. Potter, fieldman of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, and moving pictures showing the progress and processing of dairy products, from producer to consumer, were interesting features of the last meeting of Golden Spike U.F.A. Local. A talk by J. R. Love, Edmonton, was also enjoyed, reports H. Schuster, secretary.



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A FORWARD STEP

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Dear Farm Women:

Listening to the radio or reading the papers these days conjures up many sad pictures. Possibly next to the loss of life, one of the most tragic is the enforced moving from their old homes, their old neighbors, their old institutions, of so many civilians. Their homes have either been destroyed or they have been forced to leave because of the imposition of the rule of another people. How many roads in Europe must be lined with young and old, men, women and children; people without possessions, without homes, without hope.

Uprooted From the Soil

As we farm people are by the nature of our calling a people who are apt to live our days in one place, we are bound to think with an additional pity for those of our fellow farm-people elsewhere. We realize that their roots have gone down into the soil they worked, and what it must mean to these people to think of the fate that has overtaken their homes, their gardens, their fields whose every inch was known to them and into which they had put a part of themselves.

And over and over again we should remind ourselves—each one of us—that none of these catastrophes are the work of Nature which we can not control. They are the work of man, destructive monuments to the fact that nations have not yet learned to live prompted by a spirit of co-operation and of working together for their mutual welfare.

Tremendously Cheering

In the midst of these depressing thoughts it was tremendously cheering the other day to note a moving of a different kind; the moving of the U.F.A. offices and the various farm co-operative activities to a new building because they were being carried on successfully and wanted to move to larger quarters, and to have word of the coming "Official Opening". The most pleasing fact of all is that it is not merely because individual co-operators have been able to buy or sell in larger quantities, but because there is evidence of a much greater spirit of co-operation among these various co-operative bodies and various phases of our farm activities, and more farmers are playing their part.

In the past we have seen cases

where co-operatives seemed not to live fully up to their name; we have seen people drop out of the form of work which they were pressing because everything was not conducted the way they thought it should; we have seen people make use of such an institution for what it brought them personally, with little thought of co-operation; we have seen people discouraged and feel it not worth the effort to continue. Happily, too, we can dwell on another phase of it. We can remember and we know people who have given of their time, their thought, their energy to the work, very often at the price of financial loss to themselves and the loss of time for personal pleasure. They have carried on, often in a very minor sphere, in spite of discouragements and disappointments.

Unrecorded Factors in Success

Looking at a list of the officers of the various farm co-operatives one might think it was only the men who had furthered the co-operative cause. But if the whole truth were only known! How many beds have been made up, dislocating family arrangements for the night, how many meals have been served to speakers working for the same cause—especially in the earlier days; how many extra chores have been taken on to free the men to canvass, to attend meetings and conventions. (And the farm boys and girls can claim a share in the credit too.) How much energy has been spent in the building up of public opinion in their favor, even though done only locally!

All men and women who are interested will sincerely hope that the co-operatives will enable us as farmers to get a better price for our produce or, in the different forms of consumer co-operatives, enable us and our fellow farmers to buy to better advantage. But more than that, we hope they will foster the co-operative spirit among the farmers and their fellow men of every occupation and in every land. And we hope every farmer and every farmer's wife will realize they have a part to play.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Glenada U.F.W.A. (near Oyen) made and raffled off a quilt to help the Salvation Army in their war work, and are working on three quilts for the Red Cross.

SPECTRES AT THE FEAST

Up here we are picking and canning
The berries from hillside and wood.
Our stocks we are carefully planning
Of everything tempting and good.
The bins in the cellar are waiting
For treasure our gardens provide.
Their fruits we are now contemplating
With no little pride.

The hog is acquiring its quota
Of fat and lean streaks every day.
In thriving young pullets we note a
Quite strong disposition to lay.
The winter will find us prepared for
Its seige be it ever so long.
Young appetites here will be cared
for
Whatever goes wrong.

And yet we know scant satisfaction,
Our minds are confused and depressed.

We all feel the need of some action
To help those by war now distressed.

While nature's abundance we gather
Our thoughts very sadly explore
War victims in want, and we'd
rather
Have less and them more.

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Farm Home and Garden

Oven-Fried Broilers: Select broilers of 1-1/2 to 2 lbs. weight. Split down the back, clean, and sprinkle with salt. Place on a greased rack in a shallow baking pan, skin side down. Brush with butter. Cook in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 25 minutes; turn, and cook for another 20 minutes, or until birds are tender.

Orange Bread: Soak 1 yeastcake in 1 cup lukewarm orange juice; beat up, and add 1 tablespoon melted butter, 1 level teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon grated orange peel, and 3 cups flour. Beat well; let rise until double in bulk. Put 1/2 cup flour on mixing board, mix this in with dough, along with 1/2 cup finely cut orange peel. Shape in loaf; let rise until light; bake in moderate oven 30 to 40 minutes.

Raspberry and Red Currant Jam: Use equal amounts stemmed red currants and raspberries; to 9 lbs. fruit add 13 lbs. sugar and 1 cup water. Mix well. Boil to 221 degrees F. or until jam weighs 20 lbs.

Peach Jam: Pit and peel peaches, holding the halves under brine (2 tablespoons salt dissolved in one gallon of water) to prevent discoloration. Drain. To 9 lbs. fruit add 13 lbs. sugar; crush to dissolve sugar. Boil to 225 degrees F. or until jam weighs 19 lbs.

Control of Cabbage Worm: Spray with 1 teaspoonful Paris Green thoroughly mixed with 1 gallon water; or arsenate of lead, 2 or 3 teaspoonsful to 1 gallon water. Both these mixtures are very poisonous, and must not be used after heads are half formed. The cabbage develops from the inside, and the outer leaves, which may still show traces of the spray when the head is ready for use, should be discarded. If worms appear when the heads are nearly mature, dust with fresh pyrethrum, which is not poisonous, added to four times its bulk in flour. Mix well, and close tightly for 24 hours, then dust on the plants. The pyrethrum must be fresh.

Cream of Spinach Soup: Chop very fine or rub through a sieve 1 cup cooked and drained spinach. Melt 1-1/2 tablespoons butter, add 1-1/2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon grated onion, spinach, and cook to a smooth paste; heat 3 cups milk and add. Stir well; do not boil after milk is added.

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Macleod-East Calgary U.F.W.A. Conference

Although a local cloudbust prevented many delegates from attending, a splendid conference was enjoyed at Badger Lake School, near Lomond, by those who braved the muddy roads. It was the last of three held in the Macleod and East Calgary constituencies.

A helpful talk and demonstration on nursing was given by Miss M. Grant, public health nurse; Mrs. Clifford Love, Vulcan, gave her impressions of the annual U.F.W.A. Convention; and Mrs. Oldfield discussed the U.F.W.A. movement. "Education—a National Responsibility" was the topic of a thoughtful paper by Mrs. Andrews, Badger Lake.

A demonstration of quilt making by Mrs. T. Armstrong, musical numbers by Mrs. Teasdale and a chorus by the school children rounded out a very worth while session. Mrs. Chambers welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Oldfield presided.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

The last meeting of Okotoks U.F.W.A. was devoted to sewing for the Red Cross.

A roll call, "If I had to Make a Law—" brought out some interesting discussion at the last meeting of Eclipse U.F.W.A. (near Clive).

A strawberry social and a picnic arranged by Namoo U.F.W.A. were pleasant events this summer. Considerable Red Cross work has been done, and a Flower Show and Tea is to be held in September in aid of Red Cross funds.

Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. cleared over \$104 from a picnic held last month. The local cemetery has been improved through the efforts of the Local, grass cut, and two work buildings erected. The Local are working with the Berwyn Red Cross branch.

Muddy roads, and a rush of spring work, prevented Hazel Hill U.F.W.A. from meeting during the spring, but a successful meeting was held in June,

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

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Reed stressed the fact that the Experimental Station existed for the benefit of those engaged in the agricultural industry and that many field days were held at Lacombe throughout the summer. Visitors, he said, were always welcome and everyone connected with the station was only too willing to be of service to the farmers.

Following the speeches a visit was made to various parts of the farm and a descriptive talk was given by a member of the staff and many questions of a technical nature were answered.

The children's races were in charge of J. Martin while C. L. Harper looked after the dispensing of the ice cream.

Deputy Minister's Tribute

J. R. Sweeney, Deputy Minister of Education at Edmonton, when he addressed the 600 persons gathered in the Pavilion at the C.A.D.P. picnic, said he was particularly glad to have this opportunity of speaking to members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool and to tell them that his Department would always give the greatest possible consideration to their problems.

What Has Assured Pool's Survival

He sketched briefly the progress of their organization and declared that if they had not had the true spirit of co-operation embedded in them so strongly they could not have survived. There was no doubt now of its ultimate success.

Today, he said, we were all willing to do almost anything to save our democratic ideals from being destroyed, but he warned them that one of the dangers to democracy against which they must guard was internal dissension. We must save democracy and preserve the rights of the producers to say how their products shall be dealt with.

He felt sure that co-operative associations which had failed had brought about their own defeat through dictatorships within—the dictatorships of members who understood little or nothing about the business end of their organizations.

Fortunately, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool was in the hands of a truly democratic board of directors and a first class manager.

writes Mrs. B. F. Fink, secretary. Most of the members took home some Red Cross work with them.

A quilt for refugees was quilted at the last meeting of Gleichen U.F.W.A. Members have done some knitting and sewing for the Red Cross and have also donated \$10 in cash.

In addition to raising \$12 for the Red Cross, at a tea and food sale, Hillside U.F.W.A. (near Millet) have done sewing for this organization, and also for refugees. The secretary, Mrs. Howes, reports that well attended and interesting meetings have been held.

A "Mystery Box" otherwise called "The White Elephant" was raffled at the last meeting of Conjuring U.F.W.A., money to be devoted to buying fruit and flowers for sick people. "A Home Remedy" was the roll call, and many useful answers were given by the members.

Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. decided at their last meeting to endeavor to obtain a district nurse for the community. It was arranged to send for a display of articles from the Canadian Institute for the Blind, to be sold at the U.F.W.A. Conference, and a motion was passed to donate \$10 to the Red Cross. This Local bought baby chicks co-operatively for their members, in the spring.

Thanks for Asking

Washington Traffic Cop—Say, you, get going! What's the matter with you?

Polite Driver—I'm just fine, thank you, but I think my engine's dead.

- Picnic Pars -

By SINE ODIO

Two lovely ladies, the Mesdames Johnstone and Martin, have dared me to mention the truly delectable lunch with which they regaled the reporter of *The Western Farm Leader*. But we always take a dare from the gals—especially when they're so good looking.

This was not an occasion when you could "tell it to Sweeney." Nope, Sweeney told it to us. And how!

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture put on the feed bag with us under the trees. It was quite a shock to discover that high government officials eat the same kind of grub as mere newspapermen.

Li'l Maureen of the golden curls tells us that picnics would be just fine if you didn't have to keep your dress so clean all day.

Mark Armstrong drove us around the farm with Brothers Oppel and Crawford. He had to drive carefully because Oppel is such a precious stone.

The only thing that outshone the weather was the smile of Ellis Johnstone. It never disappeared all day.

This was a dairy picnic, but the cows didn't take a holiday so there was plenty of milk flowing—especially the milk of human kindness.

Wally, *The Western Farm Leader's* incurable bach, was there. He says he was glad that all the gals were ticketed either "Mrs. or Miss". This enabled him to dodge the beautiful but dangerous!

However he did admit he could have enjoyed a "Laut" of feminine society if the boy friend hadn't stuck closer than a brother.

Of course, everybody made certain to get an identification tag at any Price.

President MacShane was there with bells on. He tells us that he hails from Plymouth; but has never met Old Tom of that famous borough. The genial G.K. says that if all those who claim to be descendants of those who came over with the Pilgrim Fathers are telling the truth, then the *Mayflower* must have been bigger than the *Queen Mary*.

We never had the good fortune to run into brother Harper so we never got any ice cream. We've got an idea that Nan got our share.

We must admit that all the sweet young things looked sweet in their bathing suits as they swam around in the Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

Thanks a lot, everybody, for a thoroughly enjoyable day!

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Junior Activities

Of \$26 cleared at their picnic and dance, Penhold Junior U.F.A. Local are giving \$20 to various organizations for war work. The balance was used for a farewell party for former members, and others of the community, who have enlisted. This party was held jointly with the U.F.W.A. writes Jean Domoney, secretary.

Wayne Juniors held a very successful sports day and dance, states Johanne Anderson, secretary.

Alix Junior U.F.A. lost three members by marriage, two of them leaving the district. Margaret Woolgar, secretary, writes that they have secured three new members to take their places.

Maybridge Junior U.F.A. Local, near Fedorah, was reorganized recently with Sidney Pearce president, Harry Bottomley vice-president and Mary Henshall secretary.

Cereal Crops Field Day

Five hundred different varieties and strains of wheat, oats and barley; and plots of other grains, grasses, clovers, roots, potatoes and pastures making up a grand total of 6,000 will be on view at the Lacombe Experimental Farm at the Cereal Crops Field Day on Friday, August 9th.

M. M. Boucher, in charge of the re-organization meeting of Dog Pound U.F.A., was elected its president; W. J. Rodgers is secretary. Meetings will be held in the U.F.A. Hall.

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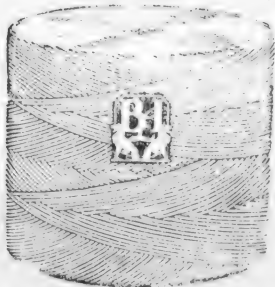
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Dairy Market

Butter markets are extremely quiet with little change in quotations. Montreal is 22-3/4, Toronto 22-1/4, Winnipeg 21 and Vancouver 22-1/2, while local special grade butterfat is still 18c and local prints have increased slightly to 23c. Despite the fact that there have been practically no exports stocks remain about normal so it seems that Canadians are eating more butter. It is felt by some that butter at these prices is a very good investment and that the quotations should stimulate interest on the part of buyers.

Plans have been completed for registration of all Canadians over 16 on August 19th, 20th and 21st.

That any British spy ring exists in Japan was strongly denied by Lord Halifax in the British House of Commons on Tuesday. Protest has been made to Tokyo, said Lord Halifax, against the arrest of 11 British subjects in Japan. The Japanese report that a correspondent of Reuters committed suicide while under questioning is doubted by the man's employers in New York.

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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Impending events in Europe of enormous world import draw into insignificance such matters as the wheat problem. In fact, the result of the anticipated struggle will pretty well decide what is going to happen to wheat throughout the world. Statistics and other news concerning wheat are of little importance in endeavoring to forecast trends.

World wheat shipments have dwindled to a comparative trickle and may go still lower. Last week's shipments totalled 7,745,000 bushels, of which Argentina supplied 3,339,000, North America 3,958,000, Black Sea ports only 48,000, and other countries 400,000. Argentina is now out of the market, and the bulk of the shipments will be made from North America, and principally Canada. From now until the end of the year Canada will be the principal source of world import requirements, but her market is restricted pretty well to the United Kingdom and a very few neutral countries. Hitler will strive in every possible way he can to stop wheat shipments to Britain. But the British believe they can get all the wheat they require with the assistance of the navy and the Royal Air Force.

Good Prairie Crop Prospects

The prairie wheat crop is approaching maturity and there is no denying the fact that it will be a good crop, particularly in Alberta. Frost is the great danger now, and it is a real menace as the crop is late.

In the United States prolonged, intense heat has done considerable damage to the spring wheat crop, but the winter wheat crop has not been greatly harmed as it is pretty well harvested. Wheat production in that country this year will be substantial, even if the spring wheat crop is small.

Government Proposals

Last week Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, gave an outline of the government proposals regarding the sale and handling of the new wheat crop. Briefly, these provide for a 70c basic payment, farm storage payment at the rate of 1/45c a bushel a day, and allocation of deliveries in order that each producer may have a share of the available elevator space. There was nothing said about the government arranging for the financing of wheat on the farm. Alberta growers are disappointed over the failure to provide payment for the Wheat Board on a Vancouver basis. This (if action is not revoked, as it may be yet) will cost growers here 2c a bushel on the average.

Would Mobilize All Resources for War

All resources of the country should be mobilized for effective prosecution of the war, urged a resolution passed by the recent convention of C.C.F. Clubs in Alberta. H. G. Young, of Millet, was elected president; H. D. Ainlay, Edmonton, vice-president, and Mary Crawford, Edmonton, treasurer. Directors are I. V. Macklin, Mrs. R. R. McBride, E. A. Hanson, Mrs. Nellie Peterson, J. G. Baker, E. E. Roper, D. Roberts, A. J. Johnston and N. Swedersky. C. A. Ronning is Provincial leader and William Irvine Provincial organizer.

Among resolutions dealing with farm problems, one urged a pegged price for wheat of \$1.03 per bushel, at local elevators, with a quota of 1,500 bushels for each farmer, and another asked assistance for farmers in building granaries. Other resolutions urged that M. J. Coldwell, M.P., be taken into the Cabinet as Minister in charge of industries, with powers to enforce existing statutes; and declared for complete Federal control of war industries and socialization of finance.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, July 30th.—The cattle market is unchanged with good butcher steers at \$6.50 to \$7; choice \$7.50, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.25; good heifers \$6.50, common to medium and heavies \$5 to \$6; good cows \$3.75 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.50; good bulls \$4.50 to \$4.75, common to medium \$3.50 to \$4.25. Good to choice vealers are \$6.50 to \$7, common to medium \$4 to \$6; medium to good stocker and feeder steers \$5.75 to \$6.25, common and plain \$4.50 to \$5.50. There are no hog prices today but prospects are lower. Good lambs are \$8.50 to \$8.75.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, July 30th.—Trading on the cattle market is fairly active. Good to choice fed calves are \$7.50 to \$8; good to choice steers \$6.50 to \$7, common to medium \$4.25 to \$6.50; good to choice heifers \$6.25 to \$7, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6; good to choice cows \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters \$2.50 down and bulls \$3.50 to \$4.25. Good to choice stockers and feeders are \$5.50 to \$6, others \$5 down; good to choice veal calves \$6.50 to \$7. Hogs are lower with select at \$8, bacon \$7.50 and butchers \$6.50 off trucks. Good to choice lambs are selling at \$7.50 to \$8.

News Brevities

C.P.R. profits during June were nearly three times as great as in June, 1939.

Severe shortage of gasoline and supplies of all kinds in unoccupied France is reported from Vichy.

The R.C.M.P. has been augmented since the beginning of the war by 500 new recruits and 1,500 special officers.

Minister of Supply Herbert Morrison has forbidden the use of tin in England for containers of soup, fruit, tobacco, etc.

A compulsory military training plan, calling for registration of all men from 18 to 64, has been approved by a committee of the U.S. Senate.

The All-India Congress, meeting at Poona, has voted to offer Britain co-operation in defence of India provided independence is granted at once.

The French Government are placing on trial for going to war with Germany and for their conduct of the war former premier Daladier and other members of former Governments.

China has refused Japan's peace terms, which, according to a report from Chungking, included cession of five provinces and recognition of a Japanese puppet government over remaining China, British Burma, French Indo-China, and Siam.

The Canadian output of aircraft will be speeded up to 360 a month early next year, said Hon. C. D. Howe in the House of Commons Tuesday, and tanks will be produced at the rate of 30 monthly. Engaged in shipbuilding in Canada are 14,000 men.

Canada could give military training to a million men without impairing industrial output, under the new Government scheme, said Hon. J. G. Gardiner on Tuesday. Under the plan, every unmarried man between 21 and 45 may be given one month's training.

Reservations by Argentina, and later by seven other South American republics, to the effect that their governments would have to ratify the agreement, proposed by the U.S., for united opposition to attempts to seize American colonies of European countries, considerably lessened the success of the recent conference at Havana.

Appoint R. M. McCool to Position of Calgary Co-op. Sales Manager

Born and brought up on a farm, and still the operator of his farm at Crossfield, R. Milton McCool, whose appointment as Calgary Sales Manager for the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association is announced by the Board, has a thorough understanding of farm problems—gained through an association with the farm movement extending back 29 years—combined with long, varied and practical experience in farm co-operative business.

Mr. McCool became a member of a U.F.A. Local in the Crossfield district in 1902, and soon took part in co-operative purchasing activities of farm supplies. In 1913 he became secretary of Floral Local (Crossfield), which purchased for five Locals car load lots of fence posts, flour, twine, etc., and established a warehouse in the town; developments leading to incorporation of a co-operative general store in 1915—the Crossfield U.F.A. Co-operative Association.

Appointed Manager

He served on the Board from 1918 to 1919, when he became manager. Among his responsibilities over a term of years, in addition to management of the successful general store handling groceries, hardware, dry goods, boots and shoes, flour and feed, were shipment of livestock and handling of coal and lumber business for the co-operative, and of a gas and oil and machinery agency. For two years he was track buyer for the U.G.G. and agent for the United Grain Growers Securities for hail and fire insurance. He resigned subsequent to his election to the Legislature in 1926, when he resumed service on the Board and later served as President. In 1936 he went to Edmonton to take charge of the northern district for the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, continuing in this position until appointment to the new position in Calgary.

Recent meetings addressed by Norman F. Priestley, U.F.A. Vice-president, included a gathering of Botha Local, in the Wheat Pool Elevator office, where local organization work was planned, and a meeting at Lauderdale, north of Castor, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fuller, where over a hundred were in attendance.

Among those who will be exempted from compulsory military training, said Hon. J. G. Gardiner, on Tuesday, will be Mennonites and Doukhobors.

STORAGE CHARGES REDUCED

Elevator storage charges are to be reduced from 1/30th cent per day to 1/45th cent per day, and farmers are to receive the latter rate for farm storage, by new Federal legislation, according to a report from Ottawa.

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Acadia Farmers Ask Pegged Price \$1 for 1,000 Bus. Maximum

Dealing comprehensively with the wheat marketing problem, resolutions passed by the recent convention of the Acadia U.F.A. district association, in Hanna, asked for measures including a pegged price of \$1 a bushel, basis No. 1 Fort William for a maximum of a thousand bushels for each farmer, for deliveries on a quota basis, for suspension of Grain Exchange trading, and for a plan for farm storage of wheat. Other resolutions proposed a minimum price for farm products, farm representation on the Bacon Board, protection for farmers in the matter of seizures for debt, and guarantee by the Province of harvesting costs.

The Junior public speaking contest was an outstanding feature of the convention, contestants placing in the following order: Everett Moore; Anna Sutherland; Norman McCrea and John Sutherland (tied). Lorne Proudfoot occupied the chair in the absence, through an accident, of the president, James Cameron.

DEBT LEGISLATION

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compromise between debtors and creditors in many instances. Criticism has been levelled against the Act that it has encouraged delinquency in the payment of debts and it may have done so to some extent. But on the whole the Act has been beneficial and few will deny that some such legislation was needed on the prairies at least since 1930.

F.C.A.A. Can't Take Its Place

What is to take its place? Not the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act. The writer had something to do with the framing of that legislation. He still believes that the underlying principle of the Act is sound. But it is not popular in Eastern Canada and it has not been possible to secure the necessary amendments to enable it to serve its real purpose. Witness the recent fiasco in the Senate when the Act was opened up to make it apply to Manitoba and the opportunity was seized to introduce an amendment to make the decisions of the Boards of Review subject to appeal in the ordinary courts, thereby threatening to nullify the whole act so far as the farmer is concerned.

It is to be hoped that the prompt protests from Western Canada may stop this amendment from becoming law. (See footnote, column 2.—Editor)

Even so, the Boards of Review are so much circumscribed by the construction placed upon the act that they have no jurisdiction to reduce a secured debt below the value of the security. Not enough attention can be given to such factors as the rates of interest previously paid on mortgages and the length of time such rates were paid or the amounts already paid for principal and interest by purchasers of land.

Won't Be Satisfied With Old Conditions

Neither will the farmers of this Province be satisfied to revert to the old conditions where foreclosure action may be brought without any restriction and the debtors' only protection, rests with the discretion of the trial judge. However sympathetic the judges may be they have no power to order a reduction in the debt, and there are practical limits to the extensions of time they can properly give once an action for foreclosure has been commenced. Moreover, once a statement of claim has been issued a very considerable amount of law cost is incurred and every application in court adds to these costs, so that at present levels, the value of a considerable portion of the crop may soon be eaten up in costs.

Creditors Must Realize Position

A general moratorium is to be avoided if at all possible. It does not help either public or private credit. It is to be sincerely hoped that in view of conditions this fall,

OTTAWA LETTER

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A point stressed was that the law would not be static in relation to those coming under its provisions. The thing, of course, which circumscribes the operation of the act in a country like Canada, is that so many Canadians are individual producers of primary commodities, are not "employees" and are therefore not within the insurable categories. When the bill was reviewed by a special committee of Parliament, witnesses opposed the measure under four or five heads. Some said it should not be passed while the country was at war. In answer to this it was contended that employment was now high, and that the country must make provision for unemployment at the end of the war when war industries would close down. Others said the bill had not been given sufficient consideration, but in opposition to this it was stated that it had been under investigation for five years or more, and it had even been discussed as far back as 1911. A law had been placed on the Statute Books by Mr. Bennett in 1935, but it had been declared *ultra vires*.

Review of War Effort

As the session draws near its close, Ministers in charge of the war services have given an account to Parliament of Canada's war effort. In relation to recruiting, Col. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, told the House of Commons that "the response which has been made by the young men of Canada has been almost overwhelming." On July 21st there were 133,572 men in the Canadian army, of which 31,607 were outside of Canada. In Britain there would shortly be a corps of two divisions and auxiliary troops while the third and fourth divisions would be fully trained and equipped in Canada for any theatre of war in which they would be needed. They would be developed into first class fighting formations. The rapid growth in Canada's air force and the development of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan were outlined by Mr. Power, Minister for Air.

Time for Offensive Will Come

"The time will surely come when we will take the offensive" said Col. Ralston, "and when the Empire beyond the seas will, side by side with Britain, deliver the decisive blows which will liberate the world from the evil ambitions of an evil man. . . . Our final task is to see to it that with the support and the resolute determination of the people of this Dominion, the fighting forces of Canada are trained and equipped, able and ready to put the full strength of this young country into those decisive blows, and help to make forever sure that in the words of the Right Honorable Mr. Churchill, 'The dark curse of Hitler is lifted from our age.' To that task we shall give our best."

no further attack on the Debt Adjustment Act will be made by any body of creditors. It will help much if creditors will realize that a price level of 70 cents does not permit of payment of much more than the essential cost of production and any farmer who pays taxes and interest charges this fall will be doing well.

The private debt problem of the Prairie Provinces is still a very difficult one which only higher prices can successfully solve.

No Government can witness wholesale foreclosure of farm property or wholesale seizures under execution. Leaders of farm organizations this fall will be alert to safeguard the farmers' interests, and only the preservation of the existing legislation will prevent intense agitation for even more drastic measures.

(Note: A joint committee of Senate and Commons are meeting, says despatch from *The Leader's* Ottawa correspondent as we go to press, to work out compromise on Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act. The Senate has refused to withdraw its amendment providing for appeal in ordinary courts from Board of Review decisions, which Commons will not accept.)

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- 15th Alberta Light Horse (Armored cars) Calgary, Innisfail, Claresholm, Pincher Creek, Carstairs, Didsbury, High River, Hand Hills, Wretford.
- 19th Alberta Dragons (Armored cars) Edmonton, South Edmonton, Wainwright, Chauvin, Vegreville, Vermilion.
- 38th Field Battery Royal Canadian Artillery (Artillery), Lethbridge.
- 93rd Field Battery, R.C.A., Macleod.
- 112th Field Battery, R.C.A., Lethbridge.
- 95th Field Battery, R.C.A., Calgary.
- 96th Field Battery, R.C.A., Edmonton.
- 6th Army Field Park Company (Engineers), Lethbridge.
- 13th District Signals (Signals), Calgary.
- 13th District Signals, W. T. Section (Signals), Edmonton.
- Edmonton Fusiliers (Machine Gun), Edmonton, Wetaskiwin.
- 2nd Battalion Edmonton Regiment (Infantry), Edmonton.
- 2nd Battalion Calgary Highlanders (Infantry), Calgary, Turner Valley, Okotoks, Banff, Canmore, High River.
- Calgary Regiment (Tanks), Calgary, Olds, Red Deer, Stettler.
- South Alberta Regiment (Infantry), Brooks, Medicine Hat, Redcliff.
- 2nd Corps Troops Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (Army Service Corps), Calgary.
- 17th Cavalry Field Ambulance (Medical Corps), Wetaskiwin.
- 6th Army Field Workshop (Ordnance), Drumheller.
- 13th District Store Section (Ordnance), Calgary.

Men wishing to join the Active Service Force may apply at any of the armories of the Province, or to officers commanding any C.A.S.F. Unit, or to the district recruiting office in the Travellers Building, or M.D. 13 Headquarters, Post Office Building, Calgary, or to the assistant district recruiting officer, Lethbridge, or area commandant, Edmonton.

Offer to Turn Over to Wheat Board Earnings Exceeding Six Per Cent on Elevators

Offer to place their line country elevators in Western Canada at the disposal of the Government on the basis of receiving 6 per cent on capital employed in the business has been made to the Wheat Board in behalf of the North-West Line Elevators Association by G. W. P. Heffelfinger, President, who has been advised by George McIvor, chairman of the Board, that the offer will be placed before the Government. It is proposed that any net profits over 6 per cent should be turned over to the Board, thus going back either to the farmer or the Government. If less than 6 per cent is made, there will be no obligation on the Government or Board to make up the difference, under the plan.

MAY HAVE NEW MARKET

Speaking at the Central Alberta Dairy Pool picnic last week, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Sweeney said that the Pool might shortly expect an additional order for their product for export due to the excellent grade produced by their condensery at Red Deer.

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ANDREW DAVISON,
Mayor.

U.S. farmers have repaid more than a third of the sum of \$385,000,000, lent by a Washington government agency for rehabilitation of farms during the past five years.

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., C.C.F. leader, was 66 years of age on Monday (July 29th). While still unable to attend Parliament, Mr. Woodsworth has recovered to a considerable extent from the illness which he suffered early in the spring.

Good Work!

The U.F.A. has done good work in organizing Alberta farmers. We congratulate them and wish them continued success.

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SPORT

Big League baseball is heading up the home stretch with little or no excitement. Cincinnati at present has a fairly good hold on first position in the National League but the Dodgers are still a major threat. In the American League the argument for honors seems to be between Detroit and Cleveland with Detroit the better arguers at the moment.

Interprovincial rugby followers are slightly concerned over football prospects this coming season. Regina is expected to make an announcement soon regarding its ability to enter a team and while there is of course some doubt as to the decision it is very likely that they will make the grade. There are still some previous imports around the Saskatchewan capital and Regina has a lot of local rugby talent so that most of us are expecting to see a Roughrider club at it again this year. 1940 Football practically hinges on Regina's plans so that at present everybody is just sitting back and hoping.

Edmonton swimmers went back to the northern city loaded with honors captured at the Sylvan Lake Swim Meet and again proved that Edmonton certainly has the aquatic stars of the Province.

Stan Leonard, of the Calgary Golf and Country Club, has lately been giving some startling demonstrations of golf as it is really played, and Dame Rumor now has it that plans are being made to send the young pro east to compete in the Canadian open. We hope that this materializes for Stan is undoubtedly one of the most brilliant golfers the West has seen.

S. Hanson, president; B. Velve, vice-president; and O. Heggelund were all returned to office at the twenty-first annual meeting of Valhalla Co-operative Creamery Association, held recently.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

News dispatches indicate that the war in Europe is pepping up. Yep, Nazi air raids over Britain are becoming almost as frequent as thunderstorms in Calgary.

As Confuse Us say: Failure is a signpost pointing to another road.

Postcard from Cynical Gus intimates that a politician is a guy who is always promising better things for the future while utterly failing to deal with the problems of the present.

WATCH WALTER SMILE

Walter Winchell, New York's famous columnist, is being subjected to venomous attacks by the Berlin radio station for his anti-Nazi editorials. That's about the finest compliment any columnist could hope to get.

Among other things, one Nazi commentator accuses Walter of being "Un-American". Well, unlike little "Edie" Ward and Lord Hee Haw Kaltenbach, Brother Winchell didn't have to go to Germany and get a highly paid job with the Goebbels gang to act the roles of Ananias and Saphira in order to prove his 100 per cent American citizenship.

Having read his Broadway column for years and having occasionally "borrowed" a choice morsel, Mustard and Cress is willing to bet the Ward-Hee Haw combination good Canadian dollars to Nazi bologna, that the pungent pars of W.W. will be remembered long after the putrid piffle of D.N.B. is forgotten.

We've just got to win this war, folks. Just imagine how that beautiful white building of the U.F.A. would look if it was plastered all over with nazi swastikas. And Hitler's dead nuts on Co-operatives, you know.

FASCIST FAIR PLAY

The Italian Air Force is reported to be dropping bombs on civilians in the Holy Land. That's probably Mussolini's idea of a Christian crusade.

According to the Berlin Radio station, the present Liepsig Fair is the greatest the world has ever seen. New York and San Francisco papers please copy!

Toronto tailor advertises that he can make a suit to measure in 24 hours. Ah yes, here to-day and don tomorrow.

Apropos the Fuehrer's threat to blast the entire population of Britain to Kingdom Come, we take this opportunity of reminding Messrs. Hitler, Mussolini, Goering, Goebbels & Co., that "There'll Always Be An England",—and incidentally an Ireland, Scotland and Wales wherever the sun rises and sets.

At the Kappey-Friedenberg Studios in Calgary, young Albertans are being taught to become radio announcers. Thank goodness we shall soon have the privilege of hearing the King's English over the air.

JUST A REMINDER

Will the B.B.C. kindly note that "The Maple Leaf For Ever", played occasionally would liven up Canadian broadcasts considerably.

Dropped in yesterday at the Kappey-Friedenberg studios in Calgary and listened to a record of our own voice pulling the wisecracks we write for this column. And darn it, now we can't understand why so many people bother to read us. (Neither can we.—Editor.)

We see where a Newhaven couple have christened their baby after a heavyweight champion. Here's hoping that will give him a fighting chance in life.

And a whole flock of the choicest orchids to the B.B.C. newscaster who on Tuesday, July 23rd, finished his announcement with: "By the way, last night Mister Hitler attended a performance of Wagner's Opera—The Twilight of the Gods. And that is the end of the news." Neat, decidedly neat; English humor at its best! Keep it up, boy!

ALBERTA LIMERICKS

(Pashley)

Now Tessie L. Twinkle of Pashley, Fell in love with a fellow named

Dashley;

With him by her side

She went for a ride,

But he was too fly to act rashley.

PRAIRIE FAIRIES

(Requested by Norah)

There are fairies on the prairies,
Though they're very hard to find;
When I'm riding, they are hiding—
Never leave a trace behind.

Lunar pale is, as their veil is,
When these fairies are astrir,
When I'm dreaming, moon's beaming
On their wings of gossamer.

I have sought them, never caught them,
Though I've heard their tiny feet,
Flitting lightly, oh, so spritely,
As they danced among the wheat.

Heard them singing, sweet bells ringing,
When the sun sank in the West;
Heard them sighing, night was dying,
Dawn was bidding them to rest.

There are fairies on the prairies,
Though I've never caught a peek
At their gambols in my rambles,
I shall never cease to seek.

Sleeping baby? ah you, may be,
See the moonbeams in their hair,
For the lair is of these fairies,
Plain to you in dreamland there.

Our idea of a quiet affair really is that wedding of a pair of deaf mutes at Denver, Colorado.

TODAY'S PUZZLE

If money is the root of all EVIL, how is it that the men who make GOOD always have such a lot of it?

Whenever a German University professor makes a radio broadcast the speaker is always a woman. And, snorts Wally, our incurable bach., that's the proper thing to do with the gals—give 'em the air.

LOVE'S PRISONER

I used to hate to leave the house
In case you'd call or phone.
How often I'd stay home and spend
Unhappy hours alone.

And now that you are gone for good,
I'm shackled still with pain,
It doesn't help a bit to know
You'll never phone again.
—Maisie Nelson, Vancouver.

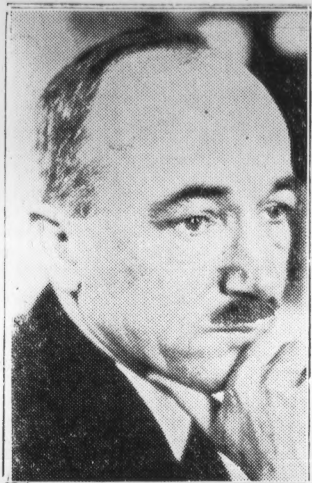
According to Crusty Bill, a wife is a person who expects much from her husband but suspects a great deal more.

We regret to hear that Corporal Josh Billkins of Midnapore got into such a jam during his visit to the Calgary Stampede that the doctor required a sewing machine to put the stitches in.

ALL CLEAR!

Government Recognized

Nazi Propaganda Film Has Mixed Reception



The Czechoslovak National committee, headed by former Czech president, Dr. Eduard Benes, has now taken its place beside the Dutch, Norwegian, Belgian and Polish governments in London as the fifth Government-in-exile from a country overrun by the Germans.

SEND FELICITATIONS

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Veteran's Good Wishes

Bon Accord, Alta.

When I, on the 5th of July, 1905, joined what three years later became the U.F.A., I had a vision of co-operative organizations as an outcome therefrom. We may not have accomplished everything we were expecting, but nevertheless we have made good headway, through the work of the U.F.A., since that date. I shall only mention two of the many co-operative bodies that I am interested in—the Wheat Pool and the Dairy Pool, and I hereby extend to the U.F.A. leaders my congratulations for the work of the past, and my best wishes for the success of future efforts to get the farmers organized co-operatively.

The progress which we have made so far is largely due to the U.F.A. membership being true to the ideals of the movement, and I strongly urge all agricultural producers to remain true to the co-operative principle and ideals, for the ultimate betterment of our Canadian Commonwealth.—ANDREW RAFN, President, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool.

For Welfare of Agriculture

Lethbridge, Alta.

We wish, through your paper, to congratulate the U.F.A. on the acquiring of their new building and the establishment of their office therein. We feel that the U.F.A. has always been a power for the welfare of Agriculture in Western Canada and any improvement or advancement that that organization might make is always appreciated by our organization.

We wish the U.F.A. every success.—PHILIP BAKER, President (Raymond); W. F. RUSSELL, Sec.-Treas. Alberta Co-operative Sugar Beet Growers.

Great Contribution

Magrath, Alta.

In the capacity of chairman of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and also as president of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, I would like, through *The Western Farm Leader*, to extend my greetings to President Robert Gardiner of the United Farmers of Alberta, his directors and members, on the opening of a fine building in the city of Calgary. This building, I am sure, will fill a long felt need, and in the co-operative distribution of many types of farm supplies will be of great value to farmers throughout the territory.

The war in Europe has brought many new problems to our farmers

and it is quite clear there will be many more when hostilities cease. It seems to me that as producers of agricultural commodities we must face the post-war period with a determination to do everything we can ourselves to lower our costs of production. It is through endeavors such as the U.F.A. is undertaking in its new building that we shall be able to accomplish this. The contribution these new premises will make, therefore, is of the utmost importance.

—CHRIS JENSEN, Chairman, Alberta Federation of Agriculture; President, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Ltd.

Another Step Forward

Balzac, Alta.

As President of the Calgary and District Milk Producers Association, Limited, who operate the Co-operative Milk Company in Calgary, and on behalf of the members of this organization, I wish, through *The Western Farm Leader*, to extend my felicitations to the United Farmers of Alberta on the opening of their new building. It marks another step in the steady growth of co-operation amongst the farmers in the Province, and in which a great number of our members have had a share.

I am quite sure that we all realize how instrumental the U.F.A. was in assisting co-operatives to commence business and our own organization is one who owe a debt of gratitude to them, when they started the Co-operative Milk Company in 1929, and which is today one of Calgary's most progressive dairies.

Being associated with the U.F.A. and the Calgary and District Milk Producers Association for many years, I have noticed how closely these organizations work together amongst their members, and now that the U.F.A. is a non-political organization, the co-operative spirit will manifest itself to a greater degree so that we will enjoy a better economic security.

It is also gratifying under conditions such as we are living in today, that the farmers have the fortitude and spirit to continue in their progress toward a more improved welfare, and I wish for the United Farmers of Alberta, in the future, a continuation of the success they have enjoyed in the past.—GEORGE H. CHURCH, President, Calgary and District Milk Producers Association.

Success Should Be Assured

Brant, Alta.

The editor of *The Western Farm Leader* has asked me to say a word in behalf of the poultry division of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in connection with the official opening of the United Farmers of Alberta building in Calgary. It is a pleasure for me to do this. As one active for many years in the operation of a farm and requiring to purchase the supplies necessary in poultry and other production in Calgary, I have often regretted the absence of a service owned and controlled by farmers such as the United Farmers of Alberta are now in a position to give. When the farmers of the Calgary district come to fully appreciate the advantages offered them by the opening of the United Farmers of Alberta building they will, I am sure, rally to its support and with this support

A Tribute to the UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA

You have been, for nearly a generation, ardent builders of co-operation in rural Alberta.

You have, through education and practical effort, kept burning a steady faith in the co-operative movement throughout the rural sections of the province.

In a world tormented and ravished by contrary doctrines you have helped to give Alberta farmers a common soul, teaching them to be proud and modest at the same time.

You have inspired admiration for the humble and persevering pioneers of co-operation, demonstrating that their efforts were worth more than "the knowledge of learned men and scribes which is laid down in the books of law".

You have taught the co-operative movement to be satisfied with its high idealism and to follow it diligently; and encouraged a sound belief that, by carrying out humble tasks methodically and perseveringly, the face of the world can be changed.

You have shown that co-operation is the greatest power for social reform.

You have restored the sense of dignity to agriculture.

You have shown that agriculture's interests are everybody's interests, and have tried to place them above the interests of individuals, even above the interests of class.

This tribute is offered on the occasion of the marking of a milestone in the progress of the United Farmers of Alberta through the acquisition of a new and modern home in the City of Calgary.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

A purely Alberta co-operative grain handling organization operating 425 country elevators in this province.

the success of this new endeavor is assured. I extend my congratulations to the United Farmers of Alberta in their enterprise.—J. H. RHODES, Director, Poultry Division, Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

From Livestock Division

Lethbridge, Alta.

For sixteen years the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, which I have had the privilege of managing throughout that period, has occupied the position in the Lethbridge area the new U.F.A. headquarters now assumes in the Calgary district. In our sixteen years of activity we have created physical assets worth many thousands of dollars. These are owned and controlled by farmers. We have

also maintained all trading in farm supplies and in other farmer business on a fair and equitable basis throughout the entire district.

It has long been our hope that organizations similar to our own would be established in other areas of the province. This hope is one step nearer realization in the opening of the Calgary U.F.A. building.

Officers of our Lethbridge organization and all member organizations affiliated with the livestock division of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture send their greetings to the U.F.A. on this occasion, and express their best wishes for the success of this expansion.—W. C. McKENZIE, Director, Livestock Division, Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

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J.T.—Section 67 of the School Act provides that no trustee shall receive payment for any work or material supplied by him while a member of the Board. The answer to your inquiry therefore depends on how much of the work was done while you were a member of the Board. You should receive a proportionate sum for any work done before you became a member of the Board.

Fence on Road Allowance

J.H.—If the fence is clearly on the road allowance, the Council of the Municipality can force the owner of the adjoining land to move the fence back to his own land. Only the Council could do this. I do not see that under the circumstances you have any chance of collecting for damages to your car from either the Municipality or the owner of the fence.

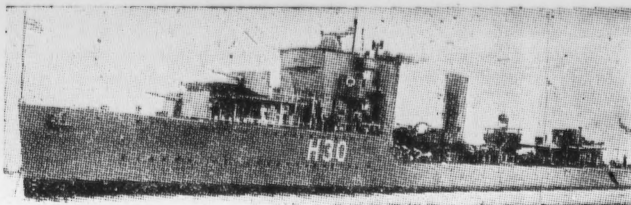
Enquire of Pensions Board

J.W.E.—The Old Age Pensions Board has wide powers of discretion in deciding upon any application for Old Age Pensions. The Board would inquire into the value of the property held by the applicant and his wife and decide whether any pension should be paid and if so how much. If total yearly income from assets exceed \$365.00, then no pension will be paid. If income is less than that amount, pension will be paid proportionately. You should inquire from Old Age Pensions Board as to attitude.

Would Turn Over Third

M.A.W.—The mortgage company has two alternative procedures to take. One is to apply to the Debt Adjustment Board for a permit to commence foreclosure proceedings on the amount fixed by the Board of Review. Before granting a permit, the Debt Adjustment Board will go into your affairs and decide whether you are able to pay and if you turn over a one-third of your crop I doubt if the Debt Adjustment Board will grant a permit. The other alternative

Fought Till Deck Awash



The British destroyer *Brazen* "sacrificed herself to save a British convoy" in a battle with 50 enemy planes, Stoker William Phillips declared in London. Her sinking, without loss of life, was announced July 22. Phillips, one of five volunteers who remained aboard the destroyer with her captain, Lt.-Commander Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, "until the very last," said the *Brazen* downed three of the planes, damaged two others and successfully drew the planes away from the convoy. The stoker said only five of the crew were wounded despite "merciless machine-gunning," but that some were "badly burned."

Elect Officers

Officers and Directors of Coronation U.F.A. District Association were elected as follows at a meeting held on July 26th during the Gooseberry Lake rally; President John Mitchell, Monitor; vice-president J. H. Flewellyn, Consort; secretary-treasurer, Frank Doherty, Consort. Directors J. G. Milne and J. W. Thring of Coronation; G. N. Johnston, Loyalist; Harvey Kelts, Consort; John Lang, Altario; Robert Kewley, Kirriemuir.

is for the Company to commence action in the Courts to annul your Proposal, and if you were prepared to turn over a full one-third share of your crop the Courts may not grant the Order. No more definite advice can be given you as to the attitude of the Court or Debt Adjustment Board, as so much depends on their view of whether you have made reasonable effort in past years to make some payment. I certainly advise you to turn over a third share of crop this year.

Cancellation of Agreement

W.E.M.—Under existing legislation the personal covenant in mortgages and agreements for sale has been done away with and the only recourse of the vendor is to repossess the land. As the agreement for sale was entered into in 1938 you do not require a permit from the Debt Adjustment Board but can commence proceedings for cancellation of the agreement at once. As you have not had any payment for three years I would advise you to commence proceedings without delay.

Your Legal Problem

Any paid-up subscriber to *The Leader*, new or old, may submit a legal question to be answered in this section. Your name will not be disclosed. The subscription to *The Leader* is One Dollar for twelve months.

Modern Plumbing and Heating

Fully modern in every respect, the new U.F.A. building is now equipped with up-to-date heating and plumbing. Remodelling and installing were done by Jack Scarisbrick. The steam heating plant, formerly an old-fashioned, wasteful type, has been changed to a modern, two-pipe system. For supplementary heating, gas has been installed in some of the offices. Plumbing throughout is of good quality, and the hot water heating is under thermostatic control.

Three hundred were killed by earthquakes in Turkey on Tuesday, and many injured.

The House of Commons banking and commerce committee recommended on Tuesday that the Alberta Provincial bank bill be thrown out. Two weeks' investigations concluded with evidence from the justice department that the bill was *ultra vires*.

CJ.C.J. — The Progressive Station of the West

"The Lady for the Ladies" Jane Grey, has inaugurated another "Question Box" program for the listeners. This radio personality has developed a large following among Alberta Radio listeners who established something of a precedent in listener reaction with her program "Manners for the Multitude" on Sunday afternoons. Her "mail-pull" has represented one of the leading program reactions of local nature that has been placed on Calgary airwaves for some time. Jane Grey has "Radio Personality" and with that characteristic she is quite successful in gaining the enthusiastic reaction of those who follow her program activities over C.J.C.J.

A program that rates with the very finest of its type and yet gains little comment in the printed columns is an early morning feature, "Morning Devotions". This program is aired daily at 7:30 a.m. and is capably handled by Arlene O'Leary. With characteristic simplicity little themes, thoughts and poems are intermingled with devotional music to provide an attractive introduction to each day. Listeners are well advised to make this quarter hour one of their regular early morning habits by dialing in "Morning Devotions" over C.J.C.J.

Another of the C.J.C.J. staff members has stepped out of the radio ranks in order to do his best for Canada in the army. The latest member to resign his position has been assistant manager Tommy Snelgrove. Tommy was a pilot in the last war and has accepted an instructor's position at the training base in Lethbridge. As assistant manager and chief engineer of the Albertan Radio Station, Mr. Snelgrove built a complete new control room assembly and supervised the installation of new equipment at the transmitter before leaving for the south. His position as chief engineer will be taken over by his former assistant, Stan Gilbert. This makes two former members of the C.J.C.J. staff on the active military list. Vic Thompson, former Commercial Manager is rapidly advancing in the artillery unit he's with to a high rank. Vic signed up shortly after war was declared on Germany.

RUMANIAN WHEAT CROP DOWN

The wheat crop of Rumania, according to estimates of the International Institute of Agriculture, will be somewhat lower than the five-year average crop of 111,000,000 bushels, and only about two-thirds of last year's output of 163,000,000 bushels. Rye production will also be down, though total yields of oats and barley will be greater than last year. In Denmark, the wheat crop is expected to yield considerably less than last year's crop; and in Norway the condition of the winter wheat crops placed at 78 (100 being the ten-year average) and the spring wheat crop at 87.

Likely Vancouver Basis May Remain

Strong Protests Against New Legislation Made by Farmer Bodies in Alberta

OTTAWA, July 31st.—Following strong representations made by farm organizations and Western members, it is intimated that the Vancouver basis for payment for wheat delivered from the coming crop is likely to be retained.

Protests against abandonment of the Vancouver basis for payment for wheat delivered to the Wheat Board have been made to Ottawa by farmer companies and organizations.

In the interests of Alberta farmers, United Grain Growers, Limited, through their president, R. S. Law, protested to Ottawa against the change in the Wheat Board Act making deductions for freight on the basis of rates to Fort William only.

Alberta farmers will lose \$2,500,000 this year, stated R. D. Purdy, Alberta Wheat Pool manager, through the change in the legislation. The Pools have made strong representations.

Protest against the penalizing of Alberta growers by this change was made in a telegram to Hon. J. A. McKinnon, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ottawa, sent by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A., last Saturday. It was pointed out that the change means that from half a cent to 6 cents per bushel less will be received by thousands of Alberta wheat growers.

CHALLENGE TO DICTATORSHIP (Continued from page 9)

have said at the beginning, namely, that what impressed me most about this great achievement, which is, after all, a bold attack on the forces of totalitarianism, was the fact that the entire accomplishment has been brought to completion entirely through co-operative endeavor.

Two Years' Search for Site

First, it must be remembered that two years were spent in searching for just the right site upon which to erect Alberta's first co-operative Farm Centre and no less than fourteen different properties were inspected before a final decision was made. And that decision was not taken on the say-so of a "one-man dictator", but was the culminating result of the opinions of many, each one of whom was imbued with the Co-operative spirit.

Then, Vice-president Priestley, who had been, so to speak, "brought up" in the building industry and who had also studied architecture from a technical point of view, placed his valuable knowledge at the disposal of the organization. This knowledge, in the same co-operative spirit, was eagerly seized upon by Nelson G. Keddy, the contractor, whose wide experience in the erection of large buildings in the United States and elsewhere, enabled him to grasp Mr. Priestley's ideas exactly.

From day to day, as operations progressed, the combined ideas of Messrs. J. K. Sutherland (Jack to you), of Hanna, George E. Church, Balzac, Co-operative Executive members, were added to those of Mr. Priestley, and work went on apace, entirely along the progressive lines for which Co-operation stands.

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This program, combining the talks on photography with the popular music of Al Kavelin and his Cascading Chords, is heard every Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

For many years, a great favorite of listeners in the United States, the "Album of Familiar Music" is now heard each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7 o'clock over CFAC. The newest addition to our Canadian Network, this fine program is fast becoming a coast to coast favorite. It boasts a fine orchestra, directed by Gus Haenschen, with Arden and Arden, those two masters of the piano, Frank Munn, an outstanding tenor, and the charming and well known voices of Elizabeth Lennox and Lucille Manners.

We here at CFAC feel that we must apologize for this program "All in Fun", for it seems to have come on the air with no rhyme or reason; in fact we highly advise you to ignore its presence on the air lanes.

Its joint Masters of Ceremony, Ed and Al, wandered aimlessly, one day, into the control room, with a lot of records under their arms, to inflict themselves upon the unsuspecting public. We can't do a thing about it, as they locked themselves in, prompted no doubt, by a desire for self-preservation.

All in all, it seems a pity that the radio fans should be forced to run the risk of hearing this program every afternoon. Even the best of us might have a lapse of memory, and leave the radio on at 2:15 p.m.; you might not have time to get to the radio quickly enough to turn it off after listening to the Canadian Press News at 2 o'clock. However, we recommend that you run this risk, and keep your radios tuned to CFAC until 2:45 p.m., so that you won't miss the BBC News from London, England.

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